

ORDINANCE NO. 5103

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MESQUITE CITY CODE BY REVISING CHAPTER 16 (WATER AND LIQUID WASTE), ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL), TO REPEAL SEC. 16-12 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH NEW SEC. 16-12 (ADOPTION OF WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, AND THE WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN) FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING SAID PLANS TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE USE OF WATER AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES AND/OR THE DISCONNECTION OF WATER SERVICE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE PLAN PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 4691; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City Council**”), to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City’s current 2019 Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency and Emergency Management Plan is in need of updates in accordance with the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (“**TCEQ**”) Guidelines and Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite, Texas (the “**City**”), recognizes that the amount of water available to its water customers is limited; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that due to natural limitations, drought conditions, system failures and other acts of God which may occur, the City cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes at all times; and

WHEREAS, the Water Code and the regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“**TCEQ**”) require that the City adopt a Water Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined an urgent need in the best interest of the public to adopt a Water Conservation Plan; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the North Texas Municipal Water District (the “NTMWD”) Model Water Conservation Plan as official City policy for the conservation of water; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024 the City published a NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING in the Daily Commercial Record, Volume 136, Issue 066, regarding the updated 2024 City Water Conservation Plan and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan (“Plans”); and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2024 the City Council conducted a *Public Hearing* for the purpose of gathering input from residents on the proposed changes to the City’s Plans; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will repeal and replace [Ordinance No. 4691](#), passed and approved by the City Council on July 1, 2019, adopting the 2019 Water Conservation Plan and the 2019 Drought Contingency and Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City is a home-rule municipality acting under its Charter adopted, and amended, by the electorate pursuant to Article 11, [Section 5](#) of the Texas Constitution and [Chapter 9](#) of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, a home-rule municipality has full power of local self-government, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Title 2, Subtitle D, Chapter 51, [Section 51.072\(a\)](#); and

WHEREAS, the City shall have the power to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property and to prevent and summarily abate and remove all nuisances, and to preserve and enforce good government, order, and security of the City and its inhabitants, pursuant to Article III, [Section 2](#) of the Mesquite City Charter; and

WHEREAS, a home-rule municipality may enforce ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property, and to preserve the good government, order, and security of the municipality and its inhabitants, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Title 2, Subtitle D, Chapter 54, [Section 54.004](#), as amended; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of all matters attendant and related thereto, the City Council is of the opinion this ordinance should be approved and adopted.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MESQUITE, TEXAS:**

SECTION 1. Recitals Incorporated.

The City Council hereby finds and determines the recitals made in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct, and hereby incorporates such recitals here in the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. Repealing Ordinance No. 4691.

That Ordinance No. 4691 is repealed as of the date of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Adoption of Plans.

The City Council hereby approves and adopts the **2024 Plans** as identified in **EXHIBIT A**, and said **EXHIBIT A** is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4. Mesquite City Code Text Amendment.

Amending Chapter 16 – WATER AND LIQUID WASTE.

The Mesquite City Code is hereby amended by deleting existing Sec. 16-12 in its entirety and adding new Sec. 16-12 (Adoption of Water Conservation Plan, and the Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan) and said section shall now read as follows, and in all other respects, said Code, Chapters, and Articles shall remain in full force and effect:

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**Sec. 16-2. – Adoption of Water Conservation Plan, and the
Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan.**

- (a) *Adoption of the plans.* The City Council of the City of Mesquite hereby adopts the City of Mesquite 2024 Water Conservation Plan, and the Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan, which are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- (b) *Location of the plans.* A copy of the plans shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Secretary.
- (c) *Orders issued under the plans.* The City Manager, or his/her designee, is authorized to order that the appropriate stage of emergency response be implanted as detailed in the Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan. To be effective, the order must be:
 - (1) Made by public announcement; and
 - (2) Published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City within twenty-four (24) hours after the public announcement, which order becomes immediately effective upon publication.

(Ord. No. 4383, § 2, 9-21-15; Ord. No. 4691, § 2, 7-1-19)

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SECTION 5. Filing with the TCEQ.

The City Manager, or his/her designee, is hereby directed to file a copy of this Ordinance and the Plan with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) in accordance with Title 30, Chapter 288 of the Texas Administrative Code, as amended or successor.

SECTION 6. Conflicts Resolution Clause.

In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of another previously adopted ordinance of the City of Mesquite and the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be controlling.

SECTION 7. Severability Clause.

Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance and the Mesquite City Code, as hereby or previously amended, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Penalty Clause.

8.1 Any violation of the provisions or terms of this ordinance by any “person,” as defined in Mesquite City Code, Chapter 1, [Section 1-2](#), shall be deemed a Class C Misdemeanor criminal offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a penalty of fine, or any other general penalties, as provided in Mesquite City Code, Chapter 1, [Section 1-6](#), as amended.

8.2. Any “customer,” defined pursuant to 30 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 291, as amended or successor, failing to comply with the provisions of the Plan shall be subject to a fine of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and/or discontinuance/disconnection of water service by the City.

SECTION 9. Publication.

The descriptive caption of this ordinance shall be published in the City’s official newspaper in accordance with Mesquite City Charter, Article IV, [Section 24](#); and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 52, [§ 52.013](#).

SECTION 10. Effective Date.

This ordinance after its passage and publication shall take effect on, and be in force from and after, five (5) days after publication thereof, in accordance with Mesquite City Charter, Article IV, [Section 24](#), and it is accordingly so ordained.

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**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MESQUITE, TEXAS, ON THE 6th DAY OF MAY 2024.**

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EXHIBIT A

To Ordinance No. 5103

City of Mesquite, Texas

City of Mesquite 2024

Water Conservation, and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan

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2024 Water Conservation and
Water Resource and Emergency
Management Plan

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DEFINITIONS

AQUATIC LIFE means a vertebrate organism dependent upon an aquatic environment to sustain its life.

ATHLETIC FIELD means a public sports competition field, the essential feature of which is turf grass, used primarily for organized sports practice, competition or exhibition events for schools, professional sports and league play sanctioned by the utility providing retail water supply.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) are voluntary efficiency measures that save a quantifiable amount of water, either directly or indirectly, and that can be implemented within a specific time frame.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WASH FACILITY means a permanently located business that washes vehicles or other mobile equipment with water or water-based products, including but not limited to self-service car washes, full-service car washes, roll-over/in-bay style car washes, and facilities managing vehicle fleets or vehicle inventory.

COMMERCIAL FACILITY means business or industrial buildings and the associated landscaping, but does not include the fairways, greens, or tees of a golf course.

CONSERVATION includes those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses.

COOL SEASON GRASSES are varieties of turf grass that grow best in cool climates primarily in northern and central regions of the U.S. Cool season grasses include but are not limited to perennial and annual rye grass, Kentucky blue grass and fescues.

CUSTOMERS include those entities to whom NTMWD provides wholesale water that are not member cities of NTMWD.

DESIGNATED OUTDOOR WATER USE DAY means a day prescribed by a rule on which a person is permitted to irrigate outdoors.

DRIP IRRIGATION is a type of micro-irrigation system that operates at low pressure and delivers water in slow, small drips to individual plants or groups of plants through a network of plastic conduits and emitters; also called trickle irrigation.

DROUGHT, for the purposes of this report, means an extended period of time when an area receives insufficient amounts of rainfall to replenish the water supply, causing water supply sources (in this case reservoirs) to be depleted.

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ET/SMART CONTROLLERS are irrigation controllers that adjust their schedule and run times based on weather (ET) data. These controllers are designed to replace the amount of water lost to evapotranspiration.

EVAPOTRANSPIRATION (ET) represents the amount of water lost from plant material to evaporation and transpiration. The amount of ET can be estimated based on the temperature, wind, and relative humidity.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR means the Executive Director of NTMWD and includes a person the Executive Director has designated to administer or perform any task, duty, function, role, or action related to this Plan or on behalf of the Executive Director.

FOUNDATION WATERING means an application of water to the soils directly abutting (within 2 feet of) the foundation of a building or structure.

INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURES means water sprays, dancing water jets, waterfalls, dumping buckets, shooting water cannons, inflatable pools, temporary splash toys or pools, slip-n-slides, or splash pads that are maintained for recreation.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM means a permanently installed, custom-made, site-specific system of delivering water generally for landscape irrigation via a system of pipes or other conduits installed below ground.

LANDSCAPE means any plant material on a property, including any tree, shrub, vine, herb, flower, succulent, ground cover, grass or turf species, that is growing or has been planted out of doors.

MEMBER CITIES include the cities of Allen, Farmersville, Forney, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Mesquite, Plano, Princeton, Richardson, Rockwall, Royse City, and Wylie, Texas, which are members of NTMWD.

MUNICIPAL USE means the use of potable water provided by a public water supplier as well as the use of treated wastewater effluent for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, and wholesale uses.

NEW LANDSCAPE means: (a) vegetation installed at the time of the construction of a residential or commercial facility; (b) installed as part of a governmental entity's capital improvement project; or (c) installed to stabilize an area disturbed by construction.

ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAIN means an artificially created structure from which a jet, stream, or flow of treated water emanates and is not typically utilized for the preservation of aquatic life.

POND is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more. This does not include recreational swimming pools.

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PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIER is an individual or entity that supplies water to the public for human consumption.

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP is a group established by the Texas Water Development Board to prepare a regional water plan under Texas Water Code §16.053.

REGULATED IRRIGATION PROPERTY means any property of a designated customer class (i.e., commercial) that uses one million gallons of water or more for irrigation purposes in a single calendar year or is greater than one acre in size.

RESIDENTIAL GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY (RESIDENTIAL GPCD) means the total gallons sold for retail residential use by a public water supplier divided by the residential population served and then divided by the number of days in the year.

RETAIL CUSTOMERS include those customers to whom the utility provides retail water from a water meter.

REUSE is the authorized use for one or more beneficial purposes of use of water that remains unconsumed after the water is used for the original purpose of use and before that water is either disposed of or discharged or otherwise allowed to flow into a watercourse, lake, or other body of state-owned water.

SOAKER HOSE means a perforated or permeable garden-type hose or pipe that is laid above ground that provides irrigation at a slow and constant rate.

SPRINKLER/SPRAY IRRIGATION is the method of applying water in a controlled manner that is similar to rainfall. The water is distributed through a network that may consist of pumps, valves, pipes, and sprinklers.

SPRINKLER means an above-ground water distribution device that may be attached to a garden hose.

RECREATIONAL/SWIMMING POOL is defined as a body of water that involves contact recreation. This includes activities that are presumed to involve a significant risk of ingestion of water (e.g. wading by children, swimming, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, etc.)

TOTAL GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY (TOTAL GPCD) means the total amount of water diverted and/or pumped for potable use less wholesale sales divided by the total permanent population divided by the days of the year. Diversion volumes of reuse as defined in TAC §288.1 shall be credited against total diversion volumes for the purposes of calculating GPCD for targets and goals.

WATER CONSERVATION COORDINATOR is the person designated by a retail public water supplier that is responsible for implementing a water conservation plan.

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WATER CONSERVATION PLAN means the Member City or Customer water conservation plan approved and adopted by the utility.

WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN means a plan for temporary supply management and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies required by Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 288, Subchapter B. This is sometimes called a drought contingency plan.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Ac-Ft/Yr.....	Acre-Feet per Year
BMP.....	Best Management Practices
CDC.....	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
DWU.....	Dallas Water Utilities
E&O.....	Education and Outreach
ED.....	Executive Director
EPA.....	Environmental Protection Agency
ET.....	Evapotranspiration
FNI.....	Freese and Nichols, Inc.
gpf.....	Gallons per Flush
gpm.....	Gallons per Minute
LAMP.....	Linear Asset Management Plan
LRWSP.....	Long Range Water Supply Plan
FWSD.....	Fresh Water Supply District
GPCD.....	Gallons per Capita per Day
ICIM.....	Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multifamily
MGD.....	Million Gallons per Day
MUD.....	Municipal Utility District
NCTCOG.....	North Central Texas Council of Governments
NTMWD.....	North Texas Municipal Water District
SUD.....	Special Utility District
TCEQ.....	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TRWD.....	Tarrant Regional Water District
TWDB.....	Texas Water Development Board
UTRWD.....	Upper Trinity Regional Water District
UD.....	Utility District
WCAC.....	Water Conservation Advisory Council
WCP.....	Water Conservation Plan
WREMP.....	Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan
WSC.....	Water Supply Corporation
WENNT.....	Water Efficiency Network of North Texas
WTP.....	Water Treatment Plant
WWTP.....	Wastewater Treatment Plant



2024 Water Conservation Plan

This Water Conservation Plan has been developed in accordance with the requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 288. A copy of the version of 30 TAC Chapter 288 in place at the time of this Plan preparation is included in Appendix B.

1.00 INTRODUCTION

City of Mesquite is a Member City of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). This Plan was developed following TCEQ guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation plans.

The goal of the Water Conservation Plan is to serve as good stewards of water resources by preserving water supplies for essential uses and the protection of public health. The objectives to achieve this goal are as follows:

- To reduce the loss and waste of water.
- To improve efficiency in both indoor and outdoor water use.
- To maximize the level of recycling and reuse.
- To protect and preserve environmental resources.
- To extend the life of current water supplies.
- To raise public awareness of water conservation and encourage responsible personal behavior through public education programs.

1.01 MINIMUM REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

A water conservation plan is defined as “[a] strategy or combination of strategies for reducing the volume of water withdrawn from a water supply source, for reducing the loss or waste of water, for maintaining or improving the efficiency in the use of water, for increasing the recycling and reuse of water, and for preventing the pollution of water. A water conservation plan may be a separate document identified as such or may be contained within another water management document”. Recognizing the need for efficient use of existing water supplies, TCEQ has developed guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation and drought contingency plans. The minimum TCEQ requirements and where they are addressed within this document are included in **Appendix B**.

1.02 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDANCE

In addition to TCEQ rules regarding water conservation, this Plan also incorporates both minimum requirements as required from NTMWD and elements from several conservation initiatives.

- **2024 NTMWD Water Conservation Plan** – Member Cities and Customers of the NTMWD are required to implement water conservation strategies as designated in the NTMWD Water Conservation Plan. These strategies

represent minimum measures to be implemented and enforced to promote water conservation and are to remain in effect on a permanent basis.

- **Guidance and Methodology for Reporting on Water Conservation and Water Use** - Developed by TWDB and TCEQ in consultation with the Water Conservation Advisory Council (the Guidance). The Guidance was developed in response to a charge by the 82nd Texas Legislature to develop water use and calculation methodology and guidance for preparation of water use reports and water conservation plans in accordance with TCEQ rules.
- **North Texas Regional Landscape Initiative** – The North Texas regional water providers (NTMWD, DWU and TRWD) collaborated to create the Regional Landscape Initiatives. This document was developed as a resource of best management practices for municipal staff to help reduce water waste and encourage long-term water conservation in the North Texas region. Information consists of the background, importance, and benefits of each BMP and key talking points to consider when implementing the strategy. Several of the optional water management measures included in this Plan are from this collaborative initiative.

2.00 WATER UTILITY PROFILE

This section contains a description of City of Mesquite’s service area and water system. This information can also be reviewed in **Appendix C**, which contains a completed TCEQ Water Utility Profile.

2.01 DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE AREA

The City of Mesquite is located on the eastern edge of Dallas County and is bordered by the cities of Dallas, Garland, Sunnyvale, and Balch Springs. As of May 2023, the City’s current population is 152,020 with a total of 58,322 metered water utility connections. The City currently operates four pumping facilities at Barnes Bridge (North), Hailey (Central), Southeast Mesquite (South), and Markout (Kaufman County). The ground storage capacity is 25 million gallons. The City also utilizes elevated storage tanks to meet peak-day water demands, replenishing the storage when the demand is lower. Five towers, located at Town East, Big Town, McKenzie, Peachtree, and Markout (Kaufman County) have a total storage capacity of 9.65 million gallons. The total combined system has a pumping capacity of approximately 64.5 million gallons. By the end of 2024 there will be a 3 million gallon ground storage tank added to the system and a 2 million elevated storage tank being proposed for 2025-2026.

The City purchases treated water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). The NTMWD is a regional wholesale supplier for 13 Member Cities and numerous other customers in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Rockwall, Kaufman, Hunt, Hopkins, Fannin and Rains Counties in North Central Texas. The City provides wholesale water to Kaufman County MUD 9-12. This Plan has been developed in concert with the model plans for the NTMWD Member Cities and Customers and contains best management practices intended to meet the targets and goals identified in the plan.

2.02 WATER UTILITY PROFILE

City of Mesquite’s existing water supply is composed of the following sources.

- Purchased Treated Water from NTMWD
- Purchased Treated Water from City of Forney

3.00 WATER CONSERVATION GOALS

TCEQ rules require the adoption of specific 5-year and 10-year water conservation goals for a water conservation plan.

3.01 5- AND 10-YEAR GOALS

Per capita water use varies from year to year based on several factors including weather conditions, changing demographics and other variables. The TWDB requires specific 5- and 10-year goals which are summarized in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Five- and 10-Year Per Capita Water Use Goals

	Historic 5-Year Average	Baseline	5-Year Goal 2029	10-Year Goal 2034
Total (GPCD) ¹	102	94	100	98
Residential (GPCD) ²	59	68	75	73
ICIM (GPCD) ³	30	45	40	35
Water Loss (GPCD) ⁴	8.6	11	15	10
Water Loss (Percentage) ⁵	8.4%	8.5%	12%	10%

¹Total GPCD = (Total Gallons in System / Permanent Population) / 365

²Residential GPCD = (Gallons Used for Residential Use / Residential Population) / 365

³ICIM GPCD = (Gallons Used for Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multi-family Use / Permanent Population) / 365

⁴Water Loss GPCD = (Total Water Loss / Permanent Population) / 365

⁵Water Loss Percentage = (Total Water Loss / Total Gallons in System) x 100; or (Water Loss GPCD / Total GPCD) x 100

3.02 METHOD FOR TRACKING

NTMWD requires Member Cities and Customers to complete annual conservation reports by March 31 of the following year and submit them to NTMWD. A copy of the form is included as **Appendix D**.

The completion of this Annual Water Conservation Report allows City of Mesquite to track the effectiveness of its water conservation programs over time and reassess those programs that are not providing water savings, ensuring maximum water use efficiency and greater levels of conservation.

4.00 METERING, RECORDS AND WATER LOSS CONTROL

4.01 METERING PROGRAM

One of the key elements in water conservation is careful tracking of water use and control of losses. Careful metering of water deliveries and water use, detection and repair of leaks in the distribution system, and regular monitoring of unaccounted water are important in controlling losses.

ACCURATE METERING OF TREATED WATER DELIVERIES FROM NTMWD

Accurate metering of water diversions and deliveries, detection, and repair of leaks in the raw water transmission and potable water distribution systems and regular monitoring of nonrevenue water are important elements of NTMWD's program to control losses. Water deliveries from NTMWD are metered by NTMWD using meters with accuracy of $\pm 2\%$. These meters are calibrated on an annual basis by NTMWD to maintain the required accuracy.

METERING OF CUSTOMER AND PUBLIC USES

The provision of water to all customers, including private, public and governmental users, will continue to be metered in the City of Mesquite.

METER TESTING, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

In September of 2022, the City of Mesquite entered a complete city change out program. The City hired Ameresco to have all 43,000+ meters changed out and be on an AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) system. The City went from the Neptune T-10 positive displacement meters to a Neptune Mach 10 R900i Ultrasonic meter for all meters going forward.

4.02 MONITORING AND RECORD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

As required by TAC Title 30, Chapter 288, a record management system should allow for the separation of water sales and uses into residential, commercial, public/institutional, and industrial categories. This information is included in the NTMWD annual water conservation report that is included in **Appendix D**.

4.03 WATER LOSS CONTROL PROGRAM

DETERMINATION AND CONTROL OF WATER LOSS

Total water loss is the difference between treated water pumped and authorized consumption or metered deliveries to customers. Authorized consumption includes billed metered uses, unbilled metered uses, and unbilled unmetered uses such as firefighting and releases for flushing of lines.

Water losses include two categories:

- Apparent losses such as inaccuracies in customer meters. (Customer meters tend to run more slowly as they age and under-report actual use). Unauthorized consumption due to illegal connections and theft.
- Real losses due to water main breaks and leaks in the water distribution system and unreported losses.

LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR

The City currently has a continuous leak detection, location and repair program that includes an annual water audit. When a source of unaccounted-for water loss is located, corrective repairs or other actions are taken. Implementation of fire hydrant metering, along with the meter-replacement program, aids in reducing unaccounted-for water losses. In addition, Meter Technicians and all utility personnel are instructed to watch for possible leaks and misuses of water while performing their daily tasks.

5.00 CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS

Every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of this water conservation plan, including any contract extension, will include a requirement that each wholesale customer of The City of Mesquite must develop and implement a water conservation plan and water conservation measures. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract between the initial supplier and customer must specify that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 TAC Chapter 288.

6.00 RESERVOIR SYSTEM OPERATIONS PLAN

The City of Mesquite purchases treated water from NTMWD and does not have surface water supplies for which to implement a reservoir system operations plan. NTMWD operates multiple sources of water supply as a system. The operation of the reservoir system is intended to optimize the use of the District's sources (within the constraints of existing water rights) while minimizing energy use cost for pumping, maintaining water quality, minimizing potential impacts on recreational users of the reservoirs and fish and wildlife.

7.00 CONSERVATION PLAN ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT

7.01 MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Staff will implement the Plan in accordance with adoption of the Plan. **Appendix G** contains a copy of the ordinance adopted regarding this Plan. The document designates responsible officials to implement and enforce the Plan.

Procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions, notice of violations, fines and penalties are outlined in [Section 16-13, Chapter 16](#) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas. The City Manager is authorized to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The City Manager shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other emergency response measures as described in this Plan. The authority to implement and enforce this Plan is established in [Chapter 16](#) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas.

7.02 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

TCEQ requires that the water conservation plan be updated every five years. This Plan will be updated as required and as appropriate based on new or updated information.

7.03 REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP AND NTMWD NOTIFICATION

In accordance with TCEQ regulations, a copy of this water conservation plan was provided to the Region C Water Planning Group. In accordance with NTMWD contractual requirements, a copy of this water conservation plan was also sent to NTMWD. **Appendix F** includes a copy of the letters sent.

8.00 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

8.01 PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

A. NTMWD PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The City of Mesquite obtains water conservation support from the NTMWD. This includes several public education and outreach efforts such as:

- Beginning in 2006 and continuing through 2018, NTMWD invested in the development and implementation of the “Water IQ: Know Your Water” campaign, including newspaper ads, radio spots, billboards, a website, and other forms of communication all intended to educate the public regarding water use and water conservation. During the 2017 campaign, over a quarter of a million people were reached by the program through media relations, outreach and interactive media. The total audience reached through the campaign in 2017 was over 88 million impressions.
 - In 2013, NTMWD participated in the “Water My Yard” program to install weather stations throughout its service area to provide consumers with a weekly email or text message and information through the Water My Yard website recommending the adequate amount of supplemental water that is needed to maintain healthy grass in specific locations. This service represents the largest network of weather stations providing ET-based irrigation recommendations in the state of Texas and provides the public with advanced information regarding outdoor irrigation needs, thereby reducing water use. Through a series of selections on the type of irrigation system a consumer has, a weekly email or text message is provided that will recommend how long (in minutes) that an irrigation system needs to run based on the past seven days of weather. This recommendation provides the actual amount of supplemental water that is required for a healthy lawn based on research of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and proven technologies.
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- “Water4Otter” is a water conservation campaign for kids launched by NTMWD in 2014. It is based on the insight that most parents agree they would listen if their kids asked them to conserve water. The TWDB awarded the NTMWD a conservation grant to develop Water4Otter as a model program that could be used throughout the state. The 2023 program included 22 performances at 11 schools in eight different ISDs including stops at elementary schools in Wylie, Garland, Mesquite, Plano, Princeton, Richardson, and Royse City.
- “Love Lavon Lake” is a water conservation campaign designed to help North Texans know their primary water source. The campaign launched in 2018 with a call to action to, “Conserve your water source. Love Lavon Lake”. The campaign was based on market research showing the more people know the source of their drinking water, the more likely they are to use it wisely and efficiently.
- NTMWD implemented the “#PledgetoPlantSmart” initiative that seeks to inspire positive change in water conservation by encouraging North Texas residents to do their part and plant smart by selecting native or adapted plants for their garden and landscaping.

NTMWD also participates in a regional outreach campaign called “Water is Awesome” partnering with the City of Dallas and Tarrant Regional Water District. NTMWD Member Cities and Customers have access to the campaign materials which include:

- In 2019, an additional tagline, “Keep Texas Water on Tap”, was incorporated to promote the Water is Awesome brand and direct traffic to waterisawesome.com.
 - In 2020, a “customer city toolkit” provided customizable resources allowing cities to incorporate their logos with the campaign brand for their website, social media, and print. Cities are encouraged to use campaign resources to advance conservation efforts.
 - In 2021, the regional water providers collaborated to create the Regional Landscape Initiatives. This document was developed as a resource of best management practices for municipal staff to help reduce water waste and encourage long-term water conservation in the North Texas region. Information consists of the background, importance, and benefits of each BMP and key talking points to consider when implementing the strategy. Several of the optional water management measures included in this Plan are from this collaborative initiative.
 - The 2023 campaign will include a focus on short HGTV-style web series about converting yards into drought-resistant, water-conservative yardscapes.
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Conservation materials and more are made available to Member Cities and Customers through an online portal that is hosted by NTMWD. In addition to the portal the NTMWD actively provides technical assistance through the following:

- NTMWD holds **Regularly Scheduled Meetings** with Member Cities and Customers for water supply updates, public campaign strategies, and legislative activities related to water and water conservation.
 - NTMWD purchases **American Water Works Association Research Foundation Publications** for use by Member Cities and Customers to further enhance resources for water efficiency, water rate structures, etc. Additionally, NTMWD pays for Member City and Customer membership to the **Alliance for Water Efficiency**.
 - To assist its Member Cities and Customers in the development of their own water conservation plans, NTMWD has developed a **Model Water Conservation Plan for NTMWD Member Cities and Customers**. The Model Water Conservation Plan addresses TCEQ requirements for water conservation plans for municipal use by public water suppliers and includes advanced water conservation strategies beyond TCEQ requirements that mirror the NTMWD plan. This is available online at <https://www.ntmwd.com/login/portal/>.
 - Since 2003, NTMWD has held **Water Conservation Workshops** for staff of its Member Cities and Customers. These workshops have covered several conservation-related topics, including TCEQ requirements for water conservation and drought contingency plans, advanced water conservation strategies, current NTMWD water conservation efforts, water conservation programs of the cities, current drought status, progress on future water supplies, and related topics. These workshops also provide training and education regarding water use accounting, irrigation evaluations, industrial, commercial, and institutional audits, and other procedures. Additional examples include workshops on Water Loss Audit Training as well as on the TWDB Water Conservation Planning Tool.
 - Based on the annual reporting data collected from Member Cities and Customers from 2022, approximately 24% of the District's treated water sales went to supply ICIM users within their service area. To target programs for this customer base, the District hired Plummer Associates, Inc. to create the **Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multifamily Program**. The ICIM program provides NTMWD Member City and Customer staff with the knowledge and tools necessary to identify ICIM customers with high water usage. This program was created to categorize water use data to find outliers and identify areas to concentrate water conservation efforts. This program can help Member Cities and Customers' ICIM water customers develop targeted methods for
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increasing water efficiency as an alternative to a traditional voluntary approach for water consumption improvement.

- As part of the ICIM program, the District is currently engaging with the Member and Customer Cities to encourage their ICIM customers to participate in **Water Efficiency Opportunity Surveys**. These surveys encompass a building audit that recommends various water conservation measures that can be implemented to save both money and water. Items addressed include toilet retrofits, urinal retrofits, showerhead retrofits, lavatory retrofits, non-lavatory faucet retrofits, leak repair, water cooled ice machine retrofit, commercial disposer, food steam, cooling tower efficiency and irrigation system efficiency. As of June 2023, NTMWD has utilized the ICIM program to audit four buildings resulting in an estimated annual water savings of 87.4 million gallons.
- As part of its wastewater system, NTMWD has developed **Industrial Pretreatment Programs** for the cities of Allen, Forney, Frisco, McKinney, Mesquite, Murphy, Plano, Richardson, Rockwall, Terrell, and Wylie. The pretreatment programs developed by NTMWD are adopted and implemented by the cities, which are also responsible for enforcement of the programs. By reducing allowable volumes of specific pollutants and encouraging pretreatment of industrial wastes, this joint effort by NTMWD and the cities has improved water quality in the region's streams and reservoirs. NTMWD industrial pretreatment personnel are also available to assist cities on request in the review or design of systems to allow industrial recycling and reuse of wastewater. Such systems have reduced water use by some industries, while also reducing wastewater volumes and saving money for the industries.
- NTMWD encourages its Member Cities and Customers to develop and implement **Rebate and Bulk Purchasing Programs** that help the Member Cities and Customers achieve overall water savings. Further, NTMWD provides technical assistance to those Member Cities and Customers who wish to implement rebate and bulk purchasing programs.

B. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

- Designated Water Conservation Coordinator to develop water conservation programs, materials, presentations, exhibits, and educational workshops
 - Dedicated water conservation webpage to educate residents on both indoor and outdoor conservation, efficient watering practices, irrigation videos, and links to other resources (www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities)
 - Periodic notices and articles dedicated to water conservation in the City's newsletter.
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- The City of Mesquite is member of the Alliance for Water Efficiency.
- The City provides Waterwise Landscaping and Irrigation Workshops for residents on best management practices for lawns, landscapes, and irrigation systems to promote efficient water use
- Public outreach of K-12 level water conservation education to Mesquite Independent School District
- Public outreach to HOA's and other speaking opportunities within the City and region
- The City provides periodic water conservation messages on the utility bill
- The City promotes water conservation at public events, city-sponsored events and more.

8.02 REQUIRED CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

The following water conservation strategies are required. These strategies represent minimum measures to be implemented and enforced to promote water conservation and are to remain in effect on a permanent basis.

A. TCEQ CONSERVATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The preceding sections cover the regulatory requirements identified in TAC Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter B, Rule 288. These rules are included in **Appendix B**.

B. CONSERVATION COORDINATOR

The designation of a Conservation Coordinator is required by House Bill 1648, effective September 1, 2017 for all retail public water utilities with 3,300 service connections or more. The NTMWD requires that all Member Cities and Customers, regardless of number of connections, appoint a Conservation Coordinator who will serve as the primary point of contact between the entity and the District on conservation matters.

The duties of the Conservation Coordinator are as follows:

- Submit an annual conservation report to NTMWD by March 31. This is referred to as the 'Appendix D Report'. NTMWD will provide a blank workbook for each Member City and Customer to fill out prior to the deadline.
- Submit an adopted water conservation and water resource and emergency management plan by May 1, 2024 (and every five years afterwards). These plans must be submitted to NTMWD, the applicable Regional Water Planning Group, TCEQ and TWDB. The conservation coordinator is also responsible for submitting a copy of the Plan if it is updated after initial adoption and submission.

The City of Mesquite's Conservation Coordinator is identified below. [The City of Mesquite](#) will notify NTMWD if this changes at any point before the water conservation plan is updated.

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C. WATER CONSERVATION PRICING

Each Member City and Customer must adopt an increasing block rate water structure that is intended to encourage water conservation and to discourage excessive use and waste of water.

The City of Mesquite's water rate structure is as follows:

Residential Rates

Monthly water bills are calculated based on a customer's actual water usage and consists of two charges – a minimum bill and a consumption charge. The customer's meter size determines the amount of the minimum bill (most residential water meters are 0.625 inches). The minimum bill includes the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. Consumption in excess of 1,000 is billed at a tiered rate depending on the gallons used.

BY METER TYPE	RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS
0.625 inch meter\$17.68	0-1,000 gallons\$0.00
1.000 inch meter\$24.57	1,001 – 5,000 gallons\$7.67
1.500 inch meter\$32.73	5,001 – 10,000 gallons\$8.26
2.000 inch meter\$40.90	10,001 – 50,000 gallons\$8.67
3.000 inch meter\$49.06	50,001 – 70,000 gallons\$9.07

4.000 inch meter\$57.22	70,001 – 500,000 gallons\$9.49
6.000 inch meter\$64.03	Over 500,000 gallons\$7.85

Commercial/Industrial Rates

Monthly water bills are calculated based on a customer's actual water usage and consists of two charges – a minimum bill and a consumption charge. The customer's meter size determines the amount of the minimum bill (most residential water meters are 0.625 inches). The minimum bill includes the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. Consumption in excess of 1,000 is billed at a tiered rate depending on the gallons used.

BY METER TYPE

RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS

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3.000 inch meter\$49.06	50,001 – 70,000 gallons\$9.07
4.000 inch meter\$57.22	70,001 – 500,000 gallons\$9.49
6.000 inch meter\$64.03	Over 500,000 gallons\$7.85

D. ORDINANCES, PLUMBING CODES, OR RULES ON WATER-CONSERVING FIXTURES

The City of Mesquite's plumbing code standards encourages water conservation and meets the minimum statutory requirements. The state has required water-conserving fixtures in new construction and renovations since 1992. The state standards call for flows of no more than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm) for faucets, 2.5 gpm for showerheads. As of January 1, 2014, the state requires maximum average flow rates of 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf) for toilets and 0.5 gpf for urinals. Similar standards are now required under federal law. These state and federal standards assure that all new construction and renovations will use water-conserving fixtures.

E. REUSE AND RECYCLING OF WASTEWATER

NTMWD currently has the largest wastewater reuse program in the state. NTMWD has water rights allowing reuse of up to 71,882 acre-feet per year (64 MGD) of treated wastewater discharges from the Wilson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant for municipal purposes. Additionally, NTMWD has permitted and is currently constructing the Sister Grove Regional Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) in the Lavon Lake watershed. This facility will have an initial capacity of 16 MGD and an ultimate capacity of 64 MGD.

NTMWD has also developed the East Fork Water Reuse Project which can divert treated wastewater discharges by NTMWD and purchased wastewater return flows from TRA via Main Stem Pump Station. NTMWD also provides treated effluent from its wastewater treatment plants available for direct reuse for landscape irrigation and industrial use.

F. YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULES

A mandatory weekly watering schedule has been gradually gaining acceptance in the region and the state. NTMWD requires all Member Cities and Customers to adhere to a permanent outdoor watering schedule.

- **Summer (April 1 – October 31)** –Spray irrigation with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address must be limited to no more than **two days per week**. Additionally, prohibit lawn irrigation watering from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Education should be provided that irrigation **should only be used when needed**, which is often less than twice per week, even in the heat of summer.
- **Winter (November 1 – March 31)** – Spray irrigation with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address must be limited to no more than **one day per week** with education that less than once per week (or not at all) is usually adequate.

Additional irrigation may be provided by hand-held hose with shutoff nozzle, use of dedicated irrigation drip zones, and/or soaker hose provided no runoff occurs. Many North Texas horticulturists have endorsed twice-weekly watering as more than sufficient for landscapes in the region, even in the heat of summer.

G. TIME OF DAY WATERING SCHEDULE

NTMWD requires that during the summer months (April 1 – October 31) under normal conditions, spray irrigation with an irrigation system or sprinkler is only permitted on authorized watering days, before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The primary purpose of this measure is to reduce wind drift and evaporation losses during the active growing season. The time-of-day watering schedule requirement increases watering efficiency by eliminating outdoor irrigation use when climatic factors negatively impact irrigation system efficiencies. Midday irrigation is not an optimal time to irrigate because evapotranspiration rates are higher, and plants are

more susceptible to stress associated with factors such as higher temperatures and lower relative humidity.

H. IRRIGATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW AND COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS

In 2007, the 80th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1656, Senate Bill 3, and House Bill 4 related to regulating irrigation systems and irrigators by adopting minimum standards and specifications for designing, installing, and operating irrigation systems. The Texas legislation required cities with a population over 20,000 to develop a landscape irrigation program that includes permitting, inspection, and enforcement of water conservation for new irrigation systems.

NTMWD **requires** all Member Cities and Customers adhere to a minimum set of irrigation standards:

- 1) Require that all new irrigation systems be in compliance with state design and installation regulations (Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 344).
- 2) Require operational rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers on all new irrigation systems. Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers must be properly maintained to function properly.
- 3) Require that irrigation systems be inspected at the same time as initial backflow preventer inspection.
- 4) Require the owner of a regulated irrigation property to obtain an evaluation of any permanently installed irrigation system on a commercial property on a yearly basis. The irrigation evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed irrigator in the state of Texas and be submitted to the local water provider (i.e., city, water supply corporation).

I. WATER WASTE PROVISIONS

NTMWD requires all Member Cities and Customers prohibit activities that waste water. The main purpose of a water waste ordinance is to provide for a means to enforce that water waste is prevented during lawn and landscape irrigation, that water resources are conserved for their most beneficial and vital uses, and that public health is protected. It provides a defined enforcement mechanism for exceptional neglect related to the proper maintenance and efficient use of water fixtures, pipes, and irrigation systems. The ordinance can provide additional assistance or enforcement actions if no corrective action has been taken after a certain number of correspondences.

NTMWD **requires** that the following water waste ordinance offenses include:

- 1) The use of irrigation systems that water impervious surfaces. (Wind-driven water drift will be taken into consideration.)
 - 2) Outdoor watering during precipitation or freeze events.
 - 3) The use of poorly maintained sprinkler systems that waste water.
 - 4) Excess water runoff or other obvious waste.
 - 5) Overseeding, sodding, sprigging, broadcasting or plugging with cool season grasses or watering cool season grasses, except for golf courses and athletic fields.
 - 6) The use of potable water to fill or refill residential, amenity, and any other natural or manmade ponds. A pond is considered to be a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more. This does not include recreational swimming pools.
 - 7) Non-commercial car washing that does not use a water hose with an automatic shut-off valve.
 - 8) Hotels and motels that do not offer a linen reuse water conservation option to customers.
 - 9) Restaurants, bars, and other commercial food or beverage establishments that provide drinking water to customers unless a specific request is made by the customer for drinking water.
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Under Texas Water Code Chapter 11 and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 288, Retail, Irrigation and Wholesale Public Water Suppliers are required to develop, implement and submit updated Drought Contingency Plans to TCEQ every five years.

1.00 INTRODUCTION

City of Mesquite is a Member City of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). This Plan was developed following TCEQ guidelines and requirements governing the development of drought contingency plans.

The goal of the water resource and emergency management plan is to prepare for potential water shortages and to preserve water for essential uses and the protection of public health. The objectives to achieve this goal are as follows:

- To save water during droughts, water shortages, and emergencies.
- To save water for domestic use, sanitation, and fire protection.
- To protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety.
- To reduce the adverse impacts of shortages.
- To reduce the adverse impacts of emergency water supply conditions.

Note: NTMWD refers to their drought contingency plan (DCP) as the water resource and emergency management plan (WREMP) and should be considered synonymous with a DCP.

1.01 MINIMUM REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

A drought contingency plan is defined as “a strategy or combination of strategies for temporary supply and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies”. Recognizing the need for efficient use of existing water supplies, TCEQ has developed guidelines and requirements governing the development of water conservation and drought contingency plans.

The minimum TCEQ requirements and where they are addressed within this document are described in **Appendix B**.

2.00 IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2.01 PROVISIONS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT

City of Mesquite provided opportunity for public input in the development of this Plan by the following means:

- Providing written notice of the proposed Plan and the opportunity to comment on the Plan by newspaper and posted notice.
- Posting the draft Plan on the community website and/or social media.
- Providing the draft Plan to anyone requesting a copy.

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- Holding a public meeting regarding the Plan on [Enter date that public meeting was held] Public notice of this meeting was provided on the community website and in local newspapers.
- Approving the Plan at a public Board meeting on [Enter date]. Public notices of this meeting were provided on the community website and live audio was available during the meeting.

2.02 PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

The City of Mesquite informs and educates the public about the Plan by the following means:

- Preparing a bulletin describing the plan and making it available at City Hall and/or other appropriate locations.
- Including information and making the Plan available to the public through the community website and/or social media.
- Notifying local organizations, schools, and civic groups that utility staff are available to make presentations on the Plan (usually in conjunction with presentations on water conservation programs).
- At any time that the Plan is activated or changes, the City of Mesquite will notify local media of the issues, the water resource management stage (if applicable), and the specific actions required of the public. The information will also be publicized on the community website and/or social media. Billing inserts will also be used as appropriate.

2.03 COORDINATION WITH THE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS AND NTMWD

Appendix F of this Plan includes copies of letters sent to the Chairs of the appropriate regional water planning groups as well as NTMWD.

2.04 INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAGES

A. INITIATION OF A WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAGE

The City Manager may order the implementation of a water resource management stage when one or more of the trigger conditions for that stage is met.

- NTMWD has initiated a water resource management stage. (Stages imposed by NTMWD action **must** be initiated by Member Cities and Customers.)

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- The following actions will be taken when a water resource management stage is initiated:
- The public will be notified through local media and the supplier's website.
- Wholesale customers and NTMWD will be notified by email that provides details of the reasons for initiation of the water resource management stage.
- If any mandatory provisions of the Plan are activated, the City of Mesquite will notify TCEQ and the NTMWD Executive Director within five business days. Instructions to report drought contingency plan water use restrictions to TCEQ is available online at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/homeland_security/security_pws.
- The City Manager may decide not to order the implementation of a management stage even though one or more of the trigger criteria for the stage is met. Factors which could influence such a decision include, but are not limited to, the time of year, weather conditions, the anticipation of replenished water supplies, or the anticipation that additional facilities will become available to meet needs.
- In the event of a citywide emergency, the order shall be made by public announcement in the City within twenty-four hours of implementation. In the event of an emergency of limited geographical extent, door-to-door notification shall be made by door hangers and/or in person, at which time the City Manager authorized state of emergency shall become immediately effective. Once an emergency has been declared, the City Manager may utilize supplemental public notifications including notices posted at City Hall, libraries, fire stations, post offices, major supermarkets, schools, major corporate centers, Chamber of Commerce, direct mail, television, radio, internet website announcement, social media, local television news, newspaper, and other news media to notify the public.

B. TERMINATION OF A WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAGE

Water resource management stages initiated by NTMWD may be terminated after NTMWD has terminated the stage. For stages initiated by the City Manager, they may order the termination of a water resource management stage when the conditions for termination are met or at their discretion.

The following actions will be taken when a water resource management stage is terminated:

- The public will be notified through local media and the supplier's website.
- Wholesale customers and NTMWD will be notified by email.
- If any mandatory provisions of the Plan that have been activated are terminated, the City of Mesquite will notify TCEQ Executive Director and the NTMWD Executive

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Director within five business days. Instructions to report drought contingency plan water use restrictions to TCEQ is available online at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/homeland_security/security_pws.

- The City may order termination of a city-initiated management stage at their discretion when it is determined the emergency has ceased to exist.

The City Manager may decide not to order the termination of a water resource management stage even though the conditions for termination of the stage are met. Factors which could influence such a decision include, but are not limited to, the time of the year, weather conditions, or the anticipation of potentially changed conditions that warrant the continuation of the water resource management stage. The reason for this decision should be documented.

2.05 PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING VARIANCES TO THE PLAN

The City Manager may grant temporary variances for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if one or more of the following conditions are met:

- Failure to grant such a variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting health, sanitation, or fire safety for the public or the person or entity requesting the variance.
- Compliance with this Plan cannot be accomplished due to technical or other limitations.
- Alternative methods that achieve the same level of reduction in water use can be implemented.

Variances shall be granted or denied at the discretion of the City Manager. All petitions for variances should be in writing and should include the following information:

- Name and address of the petitioners.
- Purpose of water use.
- Specific provisions from which relief is requested.
- Detailed statement of the adverse effect of the provision from which relief is requested.
- Description of the relief requested.
- Period of time for which the variance is sought.
- Alternative measures that will be taken to reduce water use and the level of water use reduction.
- Other pertinent information.

2.06 PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCING MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Mandatory water use restrictions may be imposed in Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Procedures for granting variances to the Plan are outlined in [Section 16-13, Chapter 16](#) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas. The City Manager is authorized to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The City Manager shall have the authority to implement and enforce this Plan as established in [Chapter 16](#) of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas.

2.07 REVIEW AND UPDATE OF WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

As required by TCEQ rules, the City of Mesquite must review their respective Plan every five years. The plan will be updated as appropriate based on new or updated information.

3.00 WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Initiation and termination criteria for water management stages include general, demand, supply, and emergency criteria. One of the major indicators of approaching or ongoing drought conditions is NTMWD's combined reservoir storage, defined as storage at Lavon Lake plus storage in Bois d'Arc Lake. Percent storage is determined by dividing the current storage by the total conservation storage when the lakes are full. **Table 1** summarizes the water management stages by triggers based on percent combined storage and associated demand reduction goals and outdoor watering restrictions. The following sections go into more detail on the three water management stages.

TCEQ requires notification when mandatory restrictions are placed on a customer. NTMWD must notify TCEQ when they impose mandatory restrictions on Member Cities and Customers. Member Cities and Customers must likewise notify TCEQ when they impose mandatory restrictions on their customers (wholesale or retail). Measures that impose mandatory requirements on customers are denoted with **"requires notification to TCEQ"**.

NTMWD and the utilities must notify TCEQ within five business days if these measures are implemented (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought/drought-and-public-water-systems>).

Table 2: Water Management Plan Stages Summary

Drought Stage	April to October	November to March	Demand Reduction Goal	Outdoor Watering Restrictions
	Percent Combined			

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		Storage			
Stage 1	Initiation	70%	60%	2%	2X per week (Apr-Oct) 1X per week (Nov-Mar)
	Termination	75%	65%		
Stage 2	Initiation	55%	45%	5%	1X per week (Apr-Oct) 1X every other week (Nov-Mar)
	Termination	70%	60%		
Stage 3	Initiation	30%	20%	30%	No outdoor watering
	Termination	55%	45%		

3.01 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STAGE 1**A. INITIATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA FOR STAGE 1**

NTMWD has initiated Stage 1, which may be initiated when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 1.
 - One or more source(s) is interrupted, unavailable, or limited due to contamination, invasive species, equipment failure or other cause.
 - The water supply system is unable to deliver needed supplies due to the failure or damage of major water system components.
 - Part of the system has a shortage of supply or damage to equipment. (NTMWD may implement measures for only that portion of the system impacted.)
 - A portion of the service area is experiencing an extreme weather event or power grid/supply disruptions.
- **Demand Criteria**
 - Water demand has exceeded or is expected to exceed 90% of maximum sustainable production or delivery capacity for an extended period.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d’Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is less than:
 - 70% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October

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- 60% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March
- The Sabine River Authority (SRA) has indicated that its Upper Basin water supplies used by NTMWD (Lake Tawakoni and/or Lake Fork) are in a Stage 1 drought.
- NTMWD is concerned that Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, Main Stem Pump Station, and/or some other NTMWD water source may be limited in availability within the next six months.

Stage 1 may terminate when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the termination of Stage 1.
 - The circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 1 no longer prevail.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lakes, as published by the TWDB, is greater than:
 - 75% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 65% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March

B. GOAL FOR USE REDUCTION UNDER STAGE 1

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 1 is an annual reduction of 2% in the use that would have occurred in the absence of water management measures. Because discretionary water use is highly concentrated in the summer months, savings should be higher than 5% in summer to achieve an annual savings goal of 2%. **If circumstances warrant, the Executive Director can set a goal for greater or less water use reduction.**

C. WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE UNDER STAGE 1

The actions listed below are provided as potential measures to reduce water demand. NTMWD may choose to implement any or all of the available restrictions in Stage 1.

- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Require Member Cities and Customers (including indirect Customers) to initiate Stage 1 restrictions in their respective, independently adopted water resource management plans.
- Continue actions described in the water conservation plan.

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- Increase enforcement of landscape watering restrictions from the water conservation plan.
- Initiate engineering studies to evaluate alternative actions that can be implemented if conditions worsen.
- Accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water use.
- Halt non-essential NTMWD water use.
- Encourage the public to wait until the current drought or water emergency situation has passed before establishing new landscaping.
- Encourage all users to reduce the frequency of draining and refilling swimming pools.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers and/or NTMWD.** Initiate a rate surcharge for all water use over a certain level.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Parks, golf courses, and athletic fields using potable water for landscape watering are required to meet the same reduction goals and measures outlined in this stage. As an exception, golf course greens and tee boxes may be hand watered as needed.

3.02 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STAGE 2**A. INITIATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA FOR STAGE 2**

NTMWD has initiated Stage 2, which may be initiated due to one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 2.
 - One or more supply source(s) is interrupted, unavailable, or limited due to contamination, invasive species, equipment failure or other cause.
 - The water supply system is unable to deliver needed supplies due to the failure or damage of major water system components.
 - Part of the system has a shortage of supply or damage to equipment. (NTMWD may implement measures for only that portion of the system impacted.)
 - A portion of the service area is experiencing an extreme weather event or power grid/supply disruptions.
- **Demand Criteria**

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- Water demand has exceeded or is expected to exceed 95% of maximum sustainable production or delivery capacity for an extended period.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is less than
 - 55% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 45% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March
 - SRA has indicated that its Upper Basin water supplies used by NTMWD (Lake Tawakoni and/or Lake Fork) are in a Stage 2 drought.
 - NTMWD is concerned that Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, the Main Stem Pump Station, and/or some other NTMWD water source may be limited in availability within the next three months.

Stage 2 may terminate when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the termination of Stage 2.
 - The circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 2 no longer prevail.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is greater than
 - 70% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 60% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March

B. GOAL FOR USE REDUCTION UNDER STAGE 2

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 2 is an annual reduction of 5% in the use that would have occurred in the absence of water resource management measures. Because discretionary water use is highly concentrated in the summer months, savings should be higher than 5% in summer to achieve an annual savings goal of 5%. **If circumstances warrant, the Executive Director can set a goal for greater or less water use reduction.**

C. WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE UNDER STAGE 2

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The actions listed below are provided as potential measures to reduce water demand. NTMWD may choose to implement any or all of the available restrictions in Stage 2.

- Continue or initiate any actions available under the water conservation plan and Stage 1.
- Implement viable alternative water supply strategies.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Require Member Cities and Customers (including indirect Customers) to initiate Stage 2 restrictions in their respective, independently adopted water resource management plans.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD and/or Member Cities and Customers.** Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address to once per week on designated days between April 1 and October 31. Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address to once every other week on designated days between November 1 and March 31. Exceptions are as follows:
 - New construction may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the installation of new landscape features.
 - Foundation watering (within 2 feet), watering of new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and watering of trees (within a 10-foot radius of its trunk) for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system, provided no runoff occurs.
 - Athletic fields may be watered twice per week.
 - Locations using alternative sources of water supply only for irrigation may irrigate without day-of-the-week restrictions provided proper signage is employed to notify the public of the alternative water source(s) being used. However, irrigation using alternative sources of supply is subject to all other restrictions applicable to this stage. If the alternative supply source is a well, proper proof of well registration with your local water supplier (e.g., city, water supply corporation) is required. Other sources of water supply may not include imported treated water.
 - An exemption is for drip irrigation systems from the designated outdoor water use day limited to no more than one day per week. Drip irrigation systems are, however, subject to all other restrictions applicable under this stage.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit overseeding, sodding, sprigging, broadcasting or plugging with or watering, except for golf courses and athletic fields.

- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Institute a mandated reduction in water deliveries to all Member Cities and Customers. Such a reduction will be distributed as required by Texas Water Code Section 11.039 (**Appendix E**).
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers and/or NTMWD.** Initiate a rate surcharge for all water use over a certain level.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Parks and golf courses using potable water for landscape watering are required to meet the same reduction goals and measures outlined in this stage. As an exception, golf course greens and tee boxes may be hand watered as needed.

3.03 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT – STAGE 3

A. INITIATION AND TERMINATION CRITERIA FOR STAGE 3

NTMWD has initiated Stage 3, which may be initiated due to one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the declaration of Stage 3.
 - One or more supply source(s) is interrupted, unavailable, or limited due to contamination, invasive species, equipment failure, or other cause.
 - The water supply system is unable to deliver needed supplies due to the failure or damage of major water system components.
 - Part of the system has a shortage of supply or damage to equipment. (NTMWD may implement measures for only that portion of the system impacted.)
 - A portion of the service area is experiencing an extreme weather event or power grid/supply disruptions.
- **Demand Criteria**
 - Water demand has exceeded or is expected to exceed maximum sustainable production or delivery capacity for an extended period.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is less than
 - 30% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October

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- 20% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March
- SRA has indicated that its Upper Basin water supplies used by NTMWD (Lake Tawakoni and/or Lake Fork) are in a drought and have significantly reduced supplies available to NTMWD.
- The supply from Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, the Main Stem Pump Station, and/or some other NTMWD water source has become limited in availability.

Stage 3 may terminate when one or more of the following criteria is met:

- **General Criteria**
 - The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the NTMWD Board of Directors, finds that conditions warrant the termination of Stage 3.
 - Other circumstances that caused the initiation of Stage 3 no longer prevail.
- **Supply Criteria**
 - The combined storage in Lavon and Bois d'Arc Lake, as published by the TWDB, is greater than:
 - 55% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of April through October
 - 45% of the combined conservation pool capacity during any of the months of November through March

B. GOAL FOR USE REDUCTION UNDER STAGE 3

The goal for water use reduction under Stage 3 is an annual reduction of 30% in the use that would have occurred in the absence of water resource management measures, or the goal for water use reduction is whatever reduction is necessary. Because discretionary water use is highly concentrated in the summer months, savings should be higher than 30% in summer to achieve an annual savings goal of 30%. **If circumstances warrant, the Executive Director can set a goal for greater or less water use reduction.**

C. WATER MANAGEMENT MEASURES AVAILABLE UNDER STAGE 3

The actions listed below are provided as potential measures to reduce water demand. NTMWD may choose to implement any or all of the available restrictions in Stage 3.

- Continue or initiate any actions available under the water conservation plan and Stages 1 and 2.
- Implement viable alternative water supply strategies.

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- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Require Member Cities and Customers (including indirect Customers) to initiate Stage 3 restrictions in their respective, independently adopted water resource management plans.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Initiate mandatory water use restrictions as follows:
 - Hosing and washing of paved areas, buildings, structures, windows or other surfaces is prohibited except by variance and performed by a professional service using high efficiency equipment.
 - Prohibit operation of ornamental fountains or ponds that use potable water except where supporting aquatic life.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit new sod, overseeding, sodding, sprigging, broadcasting or plugging with or watering.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit the use of potable water for the irrigation of new landscape.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD and/or Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit all commercial and residential landscape watering, except foundations (within 2 feet) and trees (within a 10-foot radius of its trunk) may be watered for two hours one day per week with a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system provided no runoff occurs. Drip irrigation systems are not exempt from this requirement.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit washing of vehicles except at a commercial vehicle wash facility.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Landscape watering of parks, golf courses, and athletic fields with potable water is prohibited. As an exception, golf course greens and tee boxes may be hand watered as needed. Variances may be granted by the water provider under special circumstances.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit the filling, draining, and/or refilling of existing swimming pools, wading pools, Jacuzzi and hot tubs except to maintain structural integrity, proper operation and maintenance or to alleviate a public safety risk. Existing pools may add water to replace losses from normal use and evaporation. Permitting of new swimming pools, wading pools, Jacuzzi and hot tubs is prohibited.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Prohibit the operation of interactive water features such as water sprays, dancing water jets, waterfalls, dumping buckets, shooting water cannons, inflatable pools, temporary splash toys or pools, slip-n-slides, or splash pads that are maintained for recreation.

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- **Requires notification to TCEQ by Member Cities and Customers.** Require all commercial water users to reduce water use by a set percentage.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD.** Institute a mandated reduction in deliveries to all Member Cities and Customers. Such a reduction will be distributed as required by Texas Water Code Section 11.039.
- **Requires notification to TCEQ by NTMWD and/or Member Cities and Customers.** Initiate a rate surcharge over normal rates for all water use or for water use over a certain level

Appendix A

List of References

The following appendix contains a list of references used throughout the plans.

APPENDIX A

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Appendix B

Texas Administrative Code Title 30

Chapter 288

The following appendix contains the Texas Administrative Code that regulates both water conservation and drought contingency plans. Prior to the code, a summary is given that outlines where each requirement is fulfilled within the plans.

APPENDIX B

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 30 CHAPTER 288

TCEQ rules governing development of water conservation plans are contained in Title 30, Chapter 288, Subchapter A of the Texas Administrative Code, which is included in this Appendix for reference.

The water conservation plan elements required by TCEQ water conservation rules that are covered in this water conservation plan are listed below.

Minimum Conservation Plan Requirements for Public Water Suppliers

- 288.2(a)(1)(A) – Utility Profile – Section 2
- 288.2(a)(1)(B) – Record Management System – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(C) – Specific, Quantified Goals – Section 3
- 288.2(a)(1)(D) – Accurate Metering – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(E) – Universal Metering – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(F) – Determination and Control of Water Loss – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(1)(G) – Public Education and Information Program – Section 8
- 288.2(a)(1)(H) – Non-Promotional Water Rate Structure – Section 8
- 288.2(a)(1)(I) – Reservoir System Operation Plan – Section 6
- 288.2(a)(1)(J) – Means of Implementation and Enforcement – Section 7
- 288.2(a)(1)(K) – Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group – Section 7
- 288.2(c) – Review and Update of Plan – Section 7

Additional Requirements for Public Water Suppliers (Population over 5,000)

- 288.2(a)(2)(A) – Leak Detection, Repair, and Water Loss Accounting – Section 4
- 288.2(a)(2)(B) – Requirement for Water Conservation Plans by Wholesale Customers – Section 5

Minimum Conservation Plan Requirements for Wholesale Water Suppliers

- 288.5(1)(A) – Description of Service Area – Section 2
 - 288.5(1)(B) – Specific, Quantified Goals – Section 3
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- 288.5(1)(C) – Measure and Account for Water Diverted – Section 4
 - 288.5(1)(D) – Monitoring and Record Management Program – Section 4
 - 288.5(1)(E) – Program of Metering and Leak Detection and Repair – Section 4
 - 288.5(1)(F) – Requirement for Water Conservation Plans by Wholesale Customers – Section 5
 - 288.5(1)(G) – Reservoir System Operation Plan – Section 6
 - 288.5(1)(H) – Means of Implementation and Enforcement – Section 7
 - 288.5(1)(I) – Documentation of Coordination with Regional Water Planning Group – Section 7
 - 288.5(3) – Review and Update of Plan – Section 7
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SUBCHAPTER A WATER CONSERVATION PLANS

RULE §288.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Agricultural or Agriculture--Any of the following activities:

(A) cultivating the soil to produce crops for human food, animal feed, or planting seed or for the production of fibers;

(B) the practice of floriculture, viticulture, silviculture, and horticulture, including the cultivation of plants in containers or non-soil media by a nursery grower;

(C) raising, feeding, or keeping animals for breeding purposes or for the production of food or fiber, leather, pelts, or other tangible products having a commercial value;

(D) raising or keeping equine animals;

(E) wildlife management; and

(F) planting cover crops, including cover crops cultivated for transplantation, or leaving land idle for the purpose of participating in any governmental program or normal crop or livestock rotation procedure.

(2) Agricultural use--Any use or activity involving agriculture, including irrigation.

(3) Best management practices--Voluntary efficiency measures that save a quantifiable amount of water, either directly or indirectly, and that can be implemented within a specific time frame.

(4) Conservation--Those practices, techniques, and technologies that reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses.

(5) Commercial use--The use of water by a place of business, such as a hotel, restaurant, or

office building. This does not include multi-family residences or agricultural, industrial, or institutional users.

(6) Drought contingency plan--A strategy or combination of strategies for temporary supply and demand management responses to temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies. A drought contingency plan may be a separate document identified as such or may be contained within another water management document(s).

(7) Industrial use--The use of water in processes designed to convert materials of a lower order of value into forms having greater usability and commercial value, and the development of power by means other than hydroelectric, but does not include agricultural use.

(8) Institutional use--The use of water by an establishment dedicated to public service, such as a school, university, church, hospital, nursing home, prison or government facility. All facilities dedicated to public service are considered institutional regardless of ownership.

(9) Irrigation--The agricultural use of water for the irrigation of crops, trees, and pastureland, including, but not limited to, golf courses and parks which do not receive water from a public water supplier.

(10) Irrigation water use efficiency--The percentage of that amount of irrigation water which is beneficially used by agriculture crops or other vegetation relative to the amount of water diverted from the source(s) of supply. Beneficial uses of water for irrigation purposes include, but are not limited to, evapotranspiration needs for vegetative maintenance and growth, salinity management, and leaching requirements associated with irrigation.

(11) Mining use--The use of water for mining processes including hydraulic use, drilling, washing sand and gravel, and oil field re-pressuring.

(12) Municipal use--The use of potable water provided by a public water supplier as well as the use of sewage effluent for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, and wholesale uses.

(13) Nursery grower--A person engaged in the practice of floriculture, viticulture, silviculture, and horticulture, including the cultivation of plants in containers or nonsoil media, who grows more than 50% of the products that the person either sells or leases, regardless of the variety sold, leased, or grown. For the purpose of this definition, grow means the actual cultivation or propagation of the product beyond the mere holding or maintaining of the item prior to sale or lease, and typically includes activities associated with the production or multiplying of stock such as the development of new plants from cuttings, grafts, plugs, or seedlings.

(14) Pollution--The alteration of the physical, thermal, chemical, or biological quality of, or the

contamination of, any water in the state that renders the water harmful, detrimental, or injurious to humans, animal life, vegetation, or property, or to the public health, safety, or welfare, or impairs the usefulness or the public enjoyment of the water for any lawful or reasonable purpose.

(15) Public water supplier--An individual or entity that supplies water to the public for human consumption.

(16) Regional water planning group--A group established by the Texas Water Development Board to prepare a regional water plan under Texas Water Code §16.053.

(17) Residential gallons per capita per day--The total gallons sold for residential use by a public water supplier divided by the residential population served and then divided by the number of days in the year.

(18) Residential use--The use of water that is billed to single and multi-family residences, which applies to indoor and outdoor uses.

(19) Retail public water supplier--An individual or entity that for compensation supplies water to the public for human consumption. The term does not include an individual or entity that supplies water to itself or its employees or tenants when that water is not resold to or used by others.

(20) Reuse--The authorized use for one or more beneficial purposes of use of water that remains unconsumed after the water is used for the original purpose of use and before that water is either disposed of or discharged or otherwise allowed to flow into a watercourse, lake, or other body of state-owned water.

(21) Total use--The volume of raw or potable water provided by a public water supplier to billed customer sectors or nonrevenue uses and the volume lost during conveyance, treatment, or transmission of that water.

(22) Total gallons per capita per day (GPCD)--The total amount of water diverted and/or pumped for potable use divided by the total permanent population divided by the days of the year. Diversion volumes of reuse as defined in this chapter shall be credited against total diversion volumes for the purposes of calculating GPCD for targets and goals.

(23) Water conservation coordinator--The person designated by a retail public water supplier that is responsible for implementing a water conservation plan.

(24) Water conservation plan--A strategy or combination of strategies for reducing the volume of water withdrawn from a water supply source, for reducing the loss or waste of water, for maintaining or improving the efficiency in the use of water, for increasing the recycling and reuse of water, and for preventing the pollution of water. A water conservation

plan may be a separate document identified as such or may be contained within another water management document(s).

(25) Wholesale public water supplier--An individual or entity that for compensation supplies water to another for resale to the public for human consumption. The term does not include an individual or entity that supplies water to itself or its employees or tenants as an incident of that employee service or tenancy when that water is not resold to or used by others, or an individual or entity that conveys water to another individual or entity, but does not own the right to the water which is conveyed, whether or not for a delivery fee.

(26) Wholesale use--Water sold from one entity or public water supplier to other retail water purveyors for resale to individual customers.

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SUBCHAPTER A WATER CONSERVATION PLANS
RULE §288.2 **Water Conservation Plans for Municipal Uses by Public Water
Suppliers**

(a) A water conservation plan for municipal water use by public water suppliers must provide information in response to the following. If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, the public water supplier shall include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

(1) Minimum requirements. All water conservation plans for municipal uses by public water suppliers must include the following elements:

(A) a utility profile in accordance with the Texas Water Use Methodology, including, but not limited to, information regarding population and customer data, water use data (including total gallons per capita per day (GPCD) and residential GPCD), water supply system data, and wastewater system data;

(B) a record management system which allows for the classification of water sales and uses into the most detailed level of water use data currently available to it, including, if possible, the sectors listed in clauses (i) - (vi) of this subparagraph. Any new billing system purchased by a public water supplier must be capable of reporting detailed water use data as described in clauses (i) - (vi) of this subparagraph:

- (i) residential;
 - (I) single family;
 - (II) multi-family;
 - (ii) commercial;
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(iii) institutional;

(iv) industrial;

(v) agricultural; and,

(vi) wholesale.

(C) specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in total GPCD and residential GPCD. The goals established by a public water supplier under this subparagraph are not enforceable;

(D) metering device(s), within an accuracy of plus or minus 5.0% in order to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source of supply;

(E) a program for universal metering of both customer and public uses of water, for meter testing and repair, and for periodic meter replacement;

(F) measures to determine and control water loss (for example, periodic visual inspections along distribution lines; annual or monthly audit of the water system to determine illegal connections; abandoned services; etc.);

(G) a program of continuing public education and information regarding water conservation;

(H) a water rate structure which is not "promotional," i.e., a rate structure which is cost-based and which does not encourage the excessive use of water;

(I) a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies; and

(J) a means of implementation and enforcement which shall be evidenced by:

(i) a copy of the ordinance, resolution, or tariff indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and

(ii) a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan; and

(K) documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the public water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(2) Additional content requirements. Water conservation plans for municipal uses by public drinking water suppliers serving a current population of 5,000 or more and/or a projected population of 5,000 or more within the next ten years subsequent to the effective date of the plan must include the following elements:

(A) a program of leak detection, repair, and water loss accounting for the water transmission, delivery, and distribution system;

(B) a requirement in every wholesale water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the plan (by either ordinance, resolution, or tariff), and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements in this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(3) Additional conservation strategies. Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water supplier, in addition to the minimum requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, if they are necessary to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategy is necessary to achieve the goals of the water conservation plan:

(A) conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;

(B) adoption of ordinances, plumbing codes, and/or rules requiring water-conserving plumbing fixtures to be installed in new structures and existing structures undergoing substantial modification or addition;

(C) a program for the replacement or retrofit of water-conserving plumbing fixtures in

existing structures;

(D) reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater;

(E) a program for pressure control and/or reduction in the distribution system and/or for customer connections;

(F) a program and/or ordinance(s) for landscape water management;

(G) a method for monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the water conservation plan;

and

(H) any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the water supplier shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.

(b) A water conservation plan prepared in accordance with 31 TAC §363.15 (relating to Required Water Conservation Plan) of the Texas Water Development Board and substantially meeting the requirements of this section and other applicable commission rules may be submitted to meet application requirements in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the commission and the Texas Water Development Board.

(c) A public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. The public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan every five years to coincide with the regional water planning group.

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SUBCHAPTER A

WATER CONSERVATION PLANS

RULE §288.5

Water Conservation Plans for Wholesale Water Suppliers

A water conservation plan for a wholesale water supplier must provide information in response to each of the following paragraphs. If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, the wholesale water supplier shall include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

(1) Minimum requirements. All water conservation plans for wholesale water suppliers must include the following elements:

(A) a description of the wholesaler's service area, including population and customer data, water use data, water supply system data, and wastewater data;

(B) specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings including, where appropriate, target goals for municipal use in gallons per capita per day for the wholesaler's service area, maximum acceptable water loss, and the basis for the development of these goals. The goals established by wholesale water suppliers under this subparagraph are not enforceable;

(C) a description as to which practice(s) and/or device(s) will be utilized to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source(s) of supply;

(D) a monitoring and record management program for determining water deliveries, sales, and losses;

(E) a program of metering and leak detection and repair for the wholesaler's water storage, delivery, and distribution system;

(F) a requirement in every water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the water conservation plan, and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements of this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, then the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so

that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with applicable provisions of this chapter;

(G) a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin. The reservoir systems operations plans shall include optimization of water supplies as one of the significant goals of the plan;

(H) a means for implementation and enforcement, which shall be evidenced by a copy of the ordinance, rule, resolution, or tariff, indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan; and

(I) documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the wholesale water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(2) Additional conservation strategies. Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water wholesaler, in addition to the minimum requirements of paragraph (1) of this section, if they are necessary in order to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require by commission order that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategies are necessary in order for the conservation plan to be achieved:

(A) conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;

(B) a program to assist agricultural customers in the development of conservation pollution prevention and abatement plans;

(C) a program for reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater; and

(D) any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the wholesaler shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.

(3) Review and update requirements. The wholesale water supplier shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. A wholesale water supplier shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan every five years to coincide with the regional water planning group.

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APPENDIX B

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 30 CHAPTER 288

TCEQ rules governing development of water conservation plans are contained in Title 30, Chapter 288, Subchapter A of the Texas Administrative Code, which is included in this Appendix for reference.

The water conservation plan elements required by TCEQ water conservation rules that are covered in this drought contingency plan are listed below.

Minimum Drought Contingency Plan Requirements for Public Water Suppliers

- **288.20(a)(1)(A)** – Provisions to Inform Public and Provide Opportunity for Public Input - Section 2
- **288.20(a)(1)(B)** – Program for Continuing Public Education and Information – Section 2
- **288.20(a)(1)(C)** –Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups – Section 2
- **288.20(a)(1)(D)** – Description of Information to Be Monitored and Criteria for the Initiation and Termination of Water Resource Management Stages – Sections 2
- **288.20(a)(1)(E)** – Stages for Implementation of Measures in Response to Situations – Section 3
- **288.20(a)(1)(F)** – Specific, Quantified Targets for Water Use Reductions During Water Shortages – Section 3
- **288.20(a)(1)(G)** – Specific Water Supply or Water Demand Measures to Be Implemented at Each Stage of the Plan – Section 3
- **288.20(a)(1)(H)** – Procedures for Initiation and Termination of Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Stages – Section 2
- **288.20(a)(1)(I)** – Description of Procedures to Be Followed for Granting Variances to the Plan – Section 2
- **288.20(a)(1)(J)** – Procedures for Enforcement of Mandatory Water Use Restrictions – Section 2
- **288.20(b)** – TCEQ Notification of Implementation of Mandatory Provisions – Sections 2 and 3
- **288.20(c)** – Review of Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan Every Five (5) Years – Section 2

Minimum Drought Contingency Plan Requirements for Wholesale Water Suppliers

- **288.22(a)(1)** – Provisions to Inform the Public and Provide Opportunity for Public Input – Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(2)** – Coordination with the Regional Water Planning Groups – Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(3)** – Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Stages – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(4)** – Drought and Emergency Response Stages – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(5)** – Procedures for Initiation and Termination of Drought Stages – Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(6)** – Specific, Quantified Targets for Water Use Reductions During Water Shortages – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(7)** – Specific Water Supply or Water Demand Management Measures to be Implemented during Each Drought Stage – Section 3
 - **288.22(a)(8)** – Provision in Wholesale Contracts to Require Water Distribution According to Texas Water Code Section §11.039 – Sections 2 and 3
 - **288.22(a)(9)** – Procedures for Granting Variances to the Plan - Section 2
 - **288.22(a)(10)** - Procedures for Enforcement of Mandatory Restrictions – Section 2
 - **288.22(b)** – TCEQ Notification of Implementation of Mandatory Measures – Sections 2 and 3
 - **288.22(c)** – Review and Update of the Plan – Section 2
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<u>TITLE 30</u>	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
<u>PART 1</u>	TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
<u>CHAPTER 288</u>	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS, DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS, GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS
<u>SUBCHAPTER B</u>	DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS
RULE §288.20	Drought Contingency Plans for Municipal Uses by Public Water Suppliers

(a) A drought contingency plan for a retail public water supplier, where applicable, must include the following minimum elements.

(1) Minimum requirements. Drought contingency plans must include the following minimum elements.

(A) Preparation of the plan shall include provisions to actively inform the public and affirmatively provide opportunity for public input. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, having a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the public and providing written notice to the public concerning the proposed plan and meeting.

(B) Provisions shall be made for a program of continuing public education and information regarding the drought contingency plan.

(C) The drought contingency plan must document coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the retail public water supplier to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(D) The drought contingency plan must include a description of the information to be monitored by the water supplier, and specific criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages, accompanied by an explanation of the rationale or basis for such triggering criteria.

(E) The drought contingency plan must include drought or emergency response stages providing for the implementation of measures in response to at least the following situations:

- (i) reduction in available water supply up to a repeat of the drought of record;
 - (ii) water production or distribution system limitations;
 - (iii) supply source contamination; or
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(iv) system outage due to the failure or damage of major water system components (e.g., pumps).

(F) The drought contingency plan must include specific, quantified targets for water use reductions to be achieved during periods of water shortage and drought. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. The goals established by the entity under this subparagraph are not enforceable.

(G) The drought contingency plan must include the specific water supply or water demand management measures to be implemented during each stage of the plan including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) curtailment of non-essential water uses; and

(ii) utilization of alternative water sources and/or alternative delivery mechanisms with the prior approval of the executive director as appropriate (e.g., interconnection with another water system, temporary use of a non-municipal water supply, use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes, etc.).

(H) The drought contingency plan must include the procedures to be followed for the initiation or termination of each drought response stage, including procedures for notification of the public.

(I) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for granting variances to the plan.

(J) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions, including specification of penalties (e.g., fines, water rate surcharges, discontinuation of service) for violations of such restrictions.

(2) Privately-owned water utilities. Privately-owned water utilities shall prepare a drought contingency plan in accordance with this section and incorporate such plan into their tariff.

(3) Wholesale water customers. Any water supplier that receives all or a portion of its water supply from another water supplier shall consult with that supplier and shall include in the drought contingency plan appropriate provisions for responding to reductions in that water supply.

(b) A wholesale or retail water supplier shall notify the executive director within five business days of the implementation of any mandatory provisions of the drought contingency plan.

(c) The retail public water supplier shall review and update, as appropriate, the drought contingency plan, at least every five years, based on new or updated information, such as the adoption or revision of the regional water plan.

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<u>TITLE 30</u>	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
<u>PART 1</u>	TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
<u>CHAPTER 288</u>	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS, DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS, GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS
<u>SUBCHAPTER B</u>	DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS
RULE §288.22	Drought Contingency Plans for Wholesale Water Suppliers

(a) A drought contingency plan for a wholesale water supplier must include the following minimum elements.

(1) Preparation of the plan shall include provisions to actively inform the public and to affirmatively provide opportunity for user input in the preparation of the plan and for informing wholesale customers about the plan. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, having a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the public and providing written notice to the public concerning the proposed plan and meeting.

(2) The drought contingency plan must document coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the wholesale public water supplier to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

(3) The drought contingency plan must include a description of the information to be monitored by the water supplier and specific criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages, accompanied by an explanation of the rationale or basis for such triggering criteria.

(4) The drought contingency plan must include a minimum of three drought or emergency response stages providing for the implementation of measures in response to water supply conditions during a repeat of the drought-of-record.

(5) The drought contingency plan must include the procedures to be followed for the initiation or termination of drought response stages, including procedures for notification of wholesale customers regarding the initiation or termination of drought response stages.

(6) The drought contingency plan must include specific, quantified targets for water use reductions to be achieved during periods of water shortage and drought. The entity preparing the plan shall establish the targets. The goals established by the entity under this paragraph are not enforceable.

(7) The drought contingency plan must include the specific water supply or water demand management measures to be implemented during each stage of the plan including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) pro rata curtailment of water deliveries to or diversions by wholesale water customers as provided in Texas Water Code, §11.039; and

(B) utilization of alternative water sources with the prior approval of the executive director as appropriate (e.g., interconnection with another water system, temporary use of a non-municipal water supply, use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes, etc.).

(8) The drought contingency plan must include a provision in every wholesale water contract entered into or renewed after adoption of the plan, including contract extensions, that in case of a shortage of water resulting from drought, the water to be distributed shall be divided in accordance with Texas Water Code, §11.039.

(9) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for granting variances to the plan.

(10) The drought contingency plan must include procedures for the enforcement of any mandatory water use restrictions including specification of penalties (e.g., liquidated damages, water rate surcharges, discontinuation of service) for violations of such restrictions.

(b) The wholesale public water supplier shall notify the executive director within five business days of the implementation of any mandatory provisions of the drought contingency plan.

(c) The wholesale public water supplier shall review and update, as appropriate, the drought contingency plan, at least every five years, based on new or updated information, such as adoption or revision of the regional water plan.

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Appendix C

TCEQ Water Utility Profile

The following appendix contains the form TCEQ-10218 and/or TCEQ-20162.



- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

D. Water Availability Division

MC-160, P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Telephone (512) 239-4600, FAX (512) 239-2214

- **Utility Profile and Water Conservation Plan Requirements**
- **for Municipal Water Use by Retail Public Water Suppliers**

This form is provided to assist retail public water suppliers in water conservation plan assistance in completing this form or in developing your plan, please contact the Conservation staff of the Resource Protection Team in the Water Availability Division at (512) 239-4600.

Water users can find best management practices (BMPs) at the Texas Water Development Board's website <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/BMPs/index.asp>. The practices are broken out into sectors such as Agriculture, Commercial and Institutional, Industrial, Municipal and Wholesale. BMPs are voluntary measures that water users use to develop the required components of Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288. BMPs can also be implemented in addition to the rule requirements to achieve water conservation goals.

Contact Information

Name of Water Supplier: City Of Mesquite

Address: 1101 E Main St Mesquite, TX 75149

Telephone Number: () Fax: ()

Water Right No.(s): 12823

Regional Water Planning Group: C

Water Conservation Coordinator (or person responsible for implementing conservation program): Jonathan Raphael Phone: 972-216-8111

Form Completed by: Jonathan Raphael

Title: Utilities Compliance Superintendent

Signature: _____ Date: / /

A water conservation plan for municipal use by retail public water suppliers must include the following requirements (as detailed in 30 TAC Section 288.2). If the plan does not provide information for each requirement, you must include in the plan an explanation of why the requirement is not applicable.

- **Utility Profile**

POPULATION AND CUSTOMER DATA

- *Population and Service Area Data*
 - Attach a copy of your service-area map and, if applicable, a copy of your Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
 - Service area size (in square miles): 54
(Please attach a copy of service-area map)
 - Current population of service area: 154,043
 - Current population served for:
 - Water: 154,043
 - Wastewater:

- Population served for previous five years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
<u>2019</u>	<u>145,030</u>
<u>2020</u>	<u>145,410</u>
<u>2021</u>	<u>150,108</u>
<u>2022</u>	<u>152,020</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>154,043</u>

- Projected population for service area in the following decades:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
<u>2020</u>	<u>145,410</u>
<u>2030</u>	<u>164,020</u>
<u>2040</u>	<u>181,180</u>
<u>2050</u>	<u>199,300</u>
<u>2060</u>	<u>219,230</u>

- List source or method for the calculation of current and projected population size.

NCTCOG

- *Customer Data*

Senate Bill 181 requires that uniform consistent methodologies for calculating water use and conservation be developed and available to retail water providers and certain other water use sectors as a guide for preparation of water use reports, water conservation plans, and reports on water conservation efforts. A water system must provide the most detailed level of customer and water use data available to it, however, any new billing system purchased must be capable of reporting data for each of the sectors listed below. More guidance can be found at: <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/doc/SB181Guidance.pdf>

- Quantified 5-year and 10-year goals for water savings:

	<i>Historic 5-year Average</i>	<i>Baseline</i>	<i>5-year goal for year 2029</i>	<i>10-year goal for year 2034</i>
Total GPCD	102	94	100	98
Residential GPCD	59	68	75	73
Water Loss GPCD	8.6	11	15	10
Water Loss Percentage	8.4	8.5	12	10

Notes:

Total GPCD = (Total Gallons in System ÷ Permanent Population) ÷ 365

Residential GPCD = (Gallons Used for Residential Use ÷ Residential Population) ÷ 365

Water Loss GPCD = (Total Water Loss ÷ Permanent Population) ÷ 365

Water Loss Percentage = (Total Water Loss ÷ Total Gallons in System) x 100; or (Water Loss GPCD ÷ Total GPCD) x 100

- Current number of active connections. Check whether multi-family service is counted as
 Residential or Commercial?

<i>Treated Water Users</i>	<i>Metered</i>	<i>Non-Metered</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Residential	54,158	0	54,158
Single-Family	40,162	0	40,162
Multi-Family	13,996	0	13,996
Commercial	2,086	0	2,086
Industrial/Mining	28	0	28
Institutional	176	0	176
Agriculture	0	0	0
Other/Wholesale	0	0	0

- List the number of new connections per year for most recent three years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Treated Water Users</i>			
Residential	1461	406	372
Single-Family	1461	406	372
Multi-Family	0	0	35
Commercial	258	0	0
Industrial/Mining	0	0	0
Institutional	29	0	0
Agriculture	0	0	0

Other/Wholesale 0 0 0

- List of annual water use for the five highest volume customers.

<i>Customer</i>	<i>Use (1,000 gal/year)</i>	<i>Treated or Raw Water</i>
Pepsi Bottling Group US	258,923	Treated
MISD	170,453	Treated
City of Mesquite	107,040	Treated
CNC Swagat Nine LTD PTNRS P-1	40,379	Treated
Town East Mall	36,574	Treated

WATER USE DATA FOR SERVICE AREA

- Water Accounting Data*
- List the amount of water use for the previous five years (in 1,000 gallons).

Indicate whether this is diverted or treated water.

<i>Year</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>Month</i>					
January	413,278	405,753	462,481	449,141	465,274
February	370,409	368,925	430,733	385,381	421,175
March	424,478	412,147	433,189	435,047	487,289
April	417,309	421,729	441,576	479,623	506,544
May	440,885	486,106	434,224	557,059	541,966
June	475,168	581,448	498,446	694,909	652,200
July	636,132	627,197	608,411	944,462	827,955
August	760,047	697,137	635,535	841,332	951,749
September	702,696	528,489	639,116	667,253	800,900
October	554,451	740,462	566,634	664,760	646,044
November	418,028	501,591	495,182	494,478	618,885
December	408,138	545,943	456,207	486,061	546,005
Totals	6,021,019	6,316,927	6,101,734	7,099,506	7,465,986

- Describe how the above figures were determined (e.g, from a master meter located at the point of a diversion from the source or located at a point where raw water enters the treatment plant, or from water sales).

Accurate metering of water diversions and deliveries, detection, and repair of leaks in the raw water transmission and potable water distribution systems and regular monitoring of nonrevenue water are important elements of NTMWD's program to control losses. Water deliveries from NTMWD are metered by NTMWD using meters with accuracy of $\pm 2\%$. These meters are calibrated on an annual basis by NTMWD to maintain the required accuracy.

- Amount of water (in 1,000 gallons) delivered/sold as recorded by the following account types for the past five years.

<i>Year</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<i>Account Types</i>					
Residential	3,227,604,800	3,343,833,700	3,417,186,950	3,518,149,300	3,636,292,100
Single-Family	2,451,679,600	2,545,493,600	2,679,538,450	2,749,374,400	2,867,002,900
Multi-Family	775,925,200	798,340,100	737,648,500	768,774,900	769,289,200
Commercial	812,146,700	633,899,100	636,204,700	863,431,900	577,140,800
Industrial/Mining	615,003,700	253,114,600	260,614,200	205,208,900	211,571,600
Institutional	211,217,100	379,087,400	186,687,600	230,072,500	137,545,700
Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0
Other/Wholesale	0	0	0	0	0

- List the previous records for water loss for the past five years (the difference between water diverted or treated and water delivered or sold).

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (gallons)</i>	<i>Percent %</i>
2019	141,000,000	3
2020	347,000,000	6
2021	733,000,000	14
2022	1,004,000,000	17
2023	695,000,000	11

- *Projected Water Demands*
 - If applicable, attach or cite projected water supply demands from the applicable Regional Water Planning Group for the next ten years using information such as population trends, historical water use, and economic growth in the service area over the next ten years and any additional water supply requirements from such growth.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM DATA

- *Water Supply Sources*

- List all current water supply sources and the amounts authorized (in acre feet) with each.

<i>Water Type</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Amount Authorized</i>
Surface Water	NTMWD	
Groundwater		
Other		

- *Treatment and Distribution System (if providing treated water)*

- Design daily capacity of system (MGD): 64.5 MGD
- Storage capacity (MGD):
 - Elevated 9.65 MGD
 - Ground 25 MGD
- If surface water, do you recycle filter backwash to the head of the plant?
 - Yes No If yes, approximate amount (MGD):

WASTEWATER SYSTEM DATA

- *Wastewater System Data (if applicable)*

- Design capacity of wastewater treatment plant(s) (MGD):
- Treated effluent is used for on-site irrigation, off-site irrigation, for plant wash-down, and/or for chlorination/dechlorination.

If yes, approximate amount (in gallons per month):

- Briefly describe the wastewater system(s) of the area serviced by the water utility. Describe how treated wastewater is disposed. Where applicable, identify treatment plant(s) with the TCEQ name and number, the operator, owner, and the receiving stream if wastewater is discharged.

- *Wastewater Data for Service Area (if applicable)*

- Percent of water service area served by wastewater system: %
- Monthly volume treated for previous five years (in 1,000 gallons):

Year

<i>Month</i>					
January	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
February	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
March	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
April	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
May	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
June	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
July	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
August	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
September	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
October	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
November	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
December	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

• **Water Conservation Plan**

In addition to the utility profile, please attach the following as required by Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, §288.2. Note: If the water conservation plan does not provide information for each requirement, an explanation must be included as to why the requirement is not applicable.

- *Record Management System*

The water conservation plan must include a record management system which allows for the classification of water sales and uses in to the most detailed level of water use data currently available to it, including if possible, the following sectors: residential (single and multi-family), commercial.

- *Specific, Quantified 5 & 10-Year Targets*

The water conservation plan must include specific, quantified five-year and ten-year targets for water savings to include goals for water loss programs and goals for municipal use in gallons per capita per day. Note that the goals established by a public water supplier under this subparagraph are not enforceable. These goals must be updated during the five-year review and submittal.

- *Measuring and Accounting for Diversions*

The water conservation plan must include a statement about the water suppliers metering device(s), within an accuracy of plus or minus 5.0% in order to measure and account for the amount of water diverted from the source of supply.

- *Universal Metering*

The water conservation plan must include and a program for universal metering of both customer and public uses of water, for meter testing and repair, and for periodic meter replacement.

- *Measures to Determine and Control Water Loss*

The water conservation plan must include measures to determine and control water loss (for example, periodic visual inspections along distribution lines; annual or monthly audit of the water system to determine illegal connections; abandoned services; etc.).

- *Continuing Public Education & Information*

The water conservation plan must include a description of the program of continuing public education and information regarding water conservation by the water supplier.

- *Non-Promotional Water Rate Structure*

The water supplier must have a water rate structure which is not “promotional,” i.e., a rate structure which is cost-based and which does not encourage the excessive use of water. This rate structure must be listed in the water conservation plan.

- *Reservoir Systems Operations Plan*

The water conservation plan must include a reservoir systems operations plan, if applicable, providing for the coordinated operation of reservoirs owned by the applicant within a common watershed or river basin in order to optimize available water supplies.

- *Enforcement Procedure and Plan Adoption*

The water conservation plan must include a means for implementation and enforcement, which shall be evidenced by a copy of the ordinance, rule, resolution, or tariff, indicating official adoption of the water conservation plan by the water supplier; and a description of the authority by which the water supplier will implement and enforce the conservation plan.

- *Coordination with the Regional Water Planning Group(s)*

The water conservation plan must include documentation of coordination with the regional water planning groups for the service area of the public water supplier in order to ensure consistency with the appropriate approved regional water plans.

- *Plan Review and Update*

A public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update its water conservation plan, as appropriate, based on an assessment of previous five-year and ten-year targets and any other new or updated information. The public water supplier for municipal use shall review and update the next revision of its water conservation plan not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. The revised plan must also include an implementation report.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE SUPPLIERS

Required of suppliers serving population of 5,000 or more or a projected population of 5,000 or more within the next ten years:

- *Leak Detection and Repair*

The plan must include a description of the program of leak detection, repair, and water loss accounting for the water transmission, delivery, and distribution system in order to control unaccounted for uses of water.

- *Contract Requirements*

A requirement in every wholesale water supply contract entered into or renewed after official adoption of the plan (by either ordinance, resolution, or tariff), and including any contract extension, that each successive wholesale customer develop and implement a water conservation plan or water conservation measures using the applicable elements in this chapter. If the customer intends to resell the water, the contract between the initial supplier and customer must provide that the contract for the resale of the water must have water conservation requirements so that each successive customer in the resale of the water will be required to implement water conservation measures in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Any combination of the following strategies shall be selected by the water supplier, in addition to the minimum requirements of 30 TAC §288.2(1), if they are necessary in order to achieve the stated water conservation goals of the plan. The commission may require by commission order that any of the following strategies be implemented by the water supplier if the commission determines that the strategies are necessary in order for the conservation plan to be achieved:

- Conservation-oriented water rates and water rate structures such as uniform or increasing block rate schedules, and/or seasonal rates, but not flat rate or decreasing block rates;
- Adoption of ordinances, plumbing codes, and/or rules requiring water conserving plumbing fixtures to be installed in new structures and existing structures undergoing substantial modification or addition;
- A program for the replacement or retrofit of water-conserving plumbing fixtures in existing structures;
- A program for reuse and/or recycling of wastewater and/or graywater;
- A program for pressure control and/or reduction in the distribution system and/or for customer connections;
- A program and/or ordinance(s) for landscape water management;
- A method for monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the water conservation plan; and
- Any other water conservation practice, method, or technique which the water supplier shows to be appropriate for achieving the stated goal or goals of the water conservation plan.

WATER CONSERVATION PLANS SUBMITTED WITH A WATER RIGHT APPLICATION FOR NEW OR ADDITIONAL STATE WATER

Water Conservation Plans submitted with a water right application for New or Additional State Water must include data and information which:

- support the applicant's proposed use of water with consideration of the water conservation goals of the water conservation plan;
- evaluates conservation as an alternative to the proposed appropriation; and
- evaluates any other feasible alternative to new water development including, but not limited to, waste prevention, recycling and reuse, water transfer and marketing, regionalization, and optimum water management practices and procedures.

Additionally, it shall be the burden of proof of the applicant to demonstrate that no feasible alternative to the proposed appropriation exists and that the requested amount of appropriation is necessary and reasonable for the proposed use.

Appendix D

NTMWD Member City and Customer Annual Water Conservation Report

The following appendix contains a blank copy of the NTMWD Member City and Customer Annual Water Conservation Report. This is updated and reviewed by NTMWD on an annual basis.

Water Conservation Plan Annual Report

Retail Water Supplier

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Utility: CITY OF MESQUITE

Public Water Supply Identification Number (PWS ID): TX0570014

Certification of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Number: 10060

Surface Water Right ID Number: 20016

Wastewater ID

Number: Check all that

apply:

- Retail Water Supplier
- Wholesale Water Supplier
- Wastewater Treatment

Utility 1101 E Main St

Address:

Email: cduckworth@cityofmesquite.com City:

Zip Code:

Regional Water Planning Group: C Mesquite 75149

Groundwater Conservation Telephone Number: 2142166942

District:

Contact: First Name: Chris

Title: Assistant Manager of Utilities

Last Name: Duckworth

Is this person the designated Conservation Coordinator? Yes No

Coordinator: First Name: Raphael Last Name: Jonathan
Title: _____

Address: 1101 East Main City: Mesquite Zip Code: 75149
Email: jrphael@cityofmesquite.com Telephone Number: 972-216-6943

Regional Water Planning Group: C
Groundwater Conservation _____

District: Reporting Period
(Calendar year): 01/2023

Period Begin (mm/yyyy): _____ Period End (mm/yyyy): 12/2023

Check all that apply:

- Received financial assistance of \$500,000 or more from TWDB
- Have 3,300 or more retail connections
- Have a surface water right with TCEQ

SYSTEM DATA

1. For this reporting period, select the category(s) used to classify customer water usage:

	Retail Customer Water Usage Categories
	Residential - Single Family
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residential - Multi-family
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Institutional
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Retail Customers Categories*

- Residential Single Family
- Residential Multi-Family
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Agricultural

*Recommended Customer Categories for classifying customer water use. For definitions, refer to [Guidance and Methodology](#)

2. For this reporting period, enter the number of connections for and the gallons of metered retail water used by each category. If the Customer Category does not apply, enter zero or leave blank. These numbers should be the same as those reported on the Water Use Survey.

Retail Customer Category	Number of Connections	Gallons Metered
Residential - Single Family	40,336	2,867,002,900

Residential - Multi-family	13,996	769,289,200
Industrial	34	211,571,600
Commercial	2,663	577,140,800
Institutional	301	137,545,700
Agricultural	0	0

Total Retail Water Metered¹	57,330	4,562,550,200
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¹Residential + Industrial + Commercial + Institutional + Agricultural = Total Retail Water Metered

Water Use Accounting

	Total Gallons During the Reporting Period
1. Corrected Input Volume: The volume of treated water input to the distribution system from own production facilities. Same as line 13b of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 14 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014.	0
2. Corrected Treated Purchased Water Volume: The amount of treated purchased wholesale water transferred into the utility's distribution system from other water suppliers system. Same as line 14b of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 15 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014.	7,744,194,433
3. Corrected Treated Wholesale Water Sales Volume: The amount of treated wholesale water transferred out of the utility's distribution system, although it may be in the system for a brief time for conveyance reasons. Same as line 15b of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 16 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014.	1,009,110,814
4. Total System Input Volume: This is the sum of the corrected input volume plus corrected treated purchased water volume minus corrected treated wholesale water sales volume. Same as line 16 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 17 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014. Produced + Imported - Exported = Total System Input Volume	6,735,083,619
5. Billed Metered: All retail water sold and metered. Same as line 17 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 18 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014.	4,562,550,200

<p>6. Other Authorized Consumption: Water that is authorized for other uses such as back flushing, line flushing, storage tank cleaning, fire department use, municipal government offices or municipal golf courses/parks. This water may be metered or unmetered. Same as lines 18, 19, and 20 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods \geq 2015. Same as lines 19, 20, and 21 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods \leq 2014.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">528,522,980</p>
<p>7. Total Authorized Consumption: All water that has been authorized for use. Same as Line 21 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods \geq 2015. Same as line 22 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods \leq 2014. Total Billed and Metered Retail Water + Other Authorized Consumption = Total Authorized Consumption</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5,091,073,180</p>

8. Total Apparent Losses: Water that has been consumed but not properly measured or billed (losses due to customer meter inaccuracy, systematic data handling discrepancy and/or unauthorized consumption such as theft). Same as line 27 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 28 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014.	115,926,021
9. Total Real Loss: Physical losses from the distribution system prior to reaching the customer destination (losses due to reported breaks and leaks, physical losses from the system or mains and/or storage overflow). Same as line 30 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods >= 2015. Same as line 31 of the Water Loss Audit for reporting periods <= 2014.	1,528,084,418
10. Total Water Loss: Apparent + Real = Total Water Loss	1,644,010,439

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

1. What year did your entity adopt or revise their most recent Water Conservation Plan? 2019

2. Does The Plan incorporate [Best Management Practices](#)? Yes No

3. Using the table below select the types of Best Management Practices or water conservation and reuse strategies actively administered during this reporting period and estimate the savings incurred in implementing water conservation and reuse activities and programs. Leave fields blank if unknown.
Please separate reuse volumes from gallons saved.

Methods and techniques for determining gallons saved are unique to each utility as they conduct internal cost analyses and long-term financial planning. Texas Best Management Practice can be found at TWDB's Water Conservation Best Management Practices [webpage](#). The [Alliance for Efficiency Water Conservation Tracking Tool](#) may offer guidance on determining and calculating savings for individual BMPs.

Best Management Practice	Check if Implemented	Estimated Gallons Saved	Estimated Gallons Reused
Conservation Analysis and Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Cost Effective Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Water Survey for Single Family and Multi-family Customers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Customer Characterization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Wholesale Agency Assistance Programs			
Water Conservation Pricing		0	0
System Operations			
Metering New Connections and Retrofitting Existing Connections		0	0

Utility Water Audit and Water Loss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Landscaping			
Landscape Irrigation Conservation and Incentives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Athletic Fields Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Golf Course Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Park Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Residential Landscape Irrigation Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Outdoor Watering Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Education and Public Awareness			
School Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Public Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Public Outreach and Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Partnerships with Nonprofit Organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Rebate, Retrofit, and Incentive Programs			
Conservation Programs for ICI Accounts	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Residential Clothes Washer Incentive Program	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Water Wise Landscape Design and Conversion Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Showerhead, Aerator, and Toilet Flapper Retrofit	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Residential Toilet Replacement Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Custom Conservation Rebates	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Plumbing Assistance for Economically Disadvantaged Customers	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation Technology & Reuse			
New Construction Graywater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rainwater Harvesting and Condensate Reuse	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Water Reuse BMP Categories			
Reuse for On-site Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Reuse for Plant Washdown	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Reuse for Chlorination/Dechlorination	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Reuse for Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Reuse for Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Regulatory and Enforcement			
Prohibition on Wasting Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Conservation Ordinance Planning and Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Enforcement of Irrigation Standards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0
Retail			
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Totals	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0

4. For this reporting period, estimate the savings from water conservation activities and programs.

Gallons Saved/Conserved	Gallons Recycled/Reused	Total Volume of Water Saved ¹	Dollar Value of Water Saved ²
0	0	0	

¹Estimated Gallons Saved + Estimated Gallons Recycled/Reused = Total Volume Saved

²Estimated this value by taking into account water savings, the cost of treatment or purchase of water, and deferred capital cost due to conservation.

5. Comments or Explanations Regarding Data Entered in Sections Above. Files to support or explain this may be attached below.

6. During this reporting period, did your rates or rate structure change? Yes No

Select the type of rate pricing structure used. Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uniform Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flat Rates
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inclining/Inverted Block Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declining Block Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Budget Based Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excess Use Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drought Demand Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tailored Rates
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surcharge - usage demand
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surcharge - seasonal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Surcharge - drought
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

7. For this reporting period, select the public awareness or educational activities used.

Name	Implemented This Year	Number Of Times This Year	Total Population Reached this Year
Brochures Distributed	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Messages Provided on Utility Bills	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Press Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	50,000
TV Public Service Announcements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	100,000
Radio Public Service Announcements	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Educational School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Displays, Exhibits, and Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community Events	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Social Media campaign - Facebook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	20,000
Social Media campaign - Twitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	4,000
Social Media campaign - Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Social Media campaign - YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Facility Tours	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Total		6	174,000

LEAK DETECTION AND WATER LOSS

1. During this reporting period, how many leaks were repaired in the system or at service connections? 4075

2. Select the main cause(s) of water loss in your system.



	Water Loss Causes
	Distribution line leaks and breaks
	Unauthorized use and theft

<input type="checkbox"/>	Master meter problems
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Customer meter problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Record and data problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

3. For this reporting period, provide the following information on your distribution lines.

Total Length of Main Lines (miles)

Total Length Repaired (feet)

Total Length Replaced (feet)

674

2204

4. For this reporting period, provide the following information regarding your meters:

Type of Meter	Total Number	Total Tested	Total Repaired	Total Replaced
Production Meters	5	5	0	0
Meters larger than 1 1/2 inches	2033	0	0	1154
Meters 1 1/2 inches or smaller	41397	62	0	20838

5. Does your system have automated meter reading?

Yes

No

Program Effectiveness

1. Program Effectiveness

In your opinion, how would you rank the overall effectiveness of your conservation programs and activities?

Customer Classification	Less Than Effective	Somewhat Effective	Highly Effective	Does Not Apply
Residential Customers	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Industrial Customers	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Institutional Customers	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial Customers	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	
Agricultural Customers		<input type="radio"/>		<input checked="" type="radio"/>

2. During the reporting period, did you implement your Drought Contingency Plan? Yes No

3. Select the areas for which you would like to receive more technical assistance:

	Technical Assistance Areas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Best Management Practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drought Contingency Plans
<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape Irrigation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leak Detection and Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rainwater Harvesting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rate Structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Educational Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Conservation Annual Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Conservation Plans
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water IQ: Know Your Water
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Loss Audits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recycling and Reuse

WATER LOSS, TARGET AND GOALS

Total, Residential and Water Loss Gallons Per Capita per Day (GPCD) and Water Loss Percentage

The tables below display your current GPCD totals and water loss percentage for your service area.

Total System Input in Gallons Water Produced + Wholesale Imported - Wholesale Exported	Retail Population ¹	Total GPCD (System Input / Retail Population) / 365
6,735,083,619	152,000	121

¹Retail Population is the total permanent population of the service area, including single family, multi-family, and group quarter populations

Residential Use in Gallons (Single Family + Multi-family)	Residential Population ²	Residential GPCD (Residential Use / Residential Population) / 365
3,636,292,100	152,000	66

²Residential Population is the total residential population of the service area, including only single family and multi-family populations

Total Water Loss in Gallons Apparent + Real = Total Water Loss	Retail Population	Water Loss GPCD ³	Water Loss Percent
1,644,010,439	152,000	30	24.41%

³(Total Water Loss / Residential Population) / 365 = Water Loss GPCD
(Total Water Loss / Total System Input) *100 = Water Loss Percentage

The table below displays the specific and quantified five-year and ten-year goals listed in your current Water Conservation Plan alongside the current GPCD and water loss totals.

Achieve Date	Target for Total GPCD	Current Total GPCD	Target for Residential GPCD	Current Residential GPCD	Target for Water Loss GPCD	Current Water Loss GPCD	Target for Water Loss Percentage	Current Water Loss Percentage
Five-year Target Date 2024	132	121	87	66	15	30	11.36 %	24.41 %

Ten-year Target Date 2029	130	121	86	66	15	30	11.54 %	24.41 %
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Appendix E

TCEQ Water Conservation Implementation Report

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Water Availability Division
MC-160, P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087
Telephone (512) 239-4600, FAX (512) 239-2214

**WATER CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FORM AND SUMMARY OF UPDATES/REVISIONS
TO WATER CONSERVATION PLAN**

(Texas Water Code §11.1271(b) and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §288.30(1) to (4))

Please note, this form replaces the following forms: TCEQ-20645 (Non-Public Water Suppliers) and TCEQ-20646 (Public Water Suppliers)

This Form is applicable to the following entities:

- 1. Water Right Holders of 1,000 acre-feet or more for municipal, industrial, and other non-irrigation uses.**
- 2. Water Right Holders of 10,000 acre-feet or more for irrigation uses.**

The above noted entities are required by rule to submit updates to their water conservation plan(s) and water conservation implementation report(s) every five years beginning May 1, 2009. See 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §288.30(1) to (4). Entities must also submit any revisions to their water conservation plan within 90 days of adoption when the plans are revised in between the five-year submittal deadlines. This form may be used for the five-year submittal or when revisions are made to the water conservation plans in the interim periods between five-year submittals. Please complete the form as directed below.

1. Water Right Holder Name: City of Mesquite
2. Water Right Permit or Certificate Nos. 12823

3. Please Indicate by placing an 'X' next to all that Apply to your Entity: Water Right Holder of 1,000 acre-feet or more for non-irrigation uses

- Municipal Water Use by Public Water Supplier
- Wholesale Public Water Supplier
- Industrial Use
- Mining Use
- Agriculture Non-Irrigation

Water Right Holder of 10,000 acre-feet or more for irrigation uses

- Individually-Operated Irrigation System
- Agricultural Water Suppliers Providing Water to More Than One User

Water Conservation Implementation Reports/Annual Reports

4. Water Conservation Annual Reports for the previous five years were submitted to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for each of the uses indicated above as required by 30 TAC §288.30(10)(C)?
Yes No

TCEQ no longer requires submittal of the information contained in the detailed implementation report previously required in Forms TCEQ-20645 (Non-Public Water Suppliers) and TCEQ-20646 (Public Water Suppliers). However, the Entity must be up-to-date on its Annual Report Submittals to the TWDB.

Water Conservation Plans

5. For the five-year submittal (or for revisions between the five-year submittals), attach your updated or revised Water Conservation Plan for each of the uses indicated in Section 3, above. Every updated or revised water conservation plan submitted must contain each of the minimum requirements found in the TCEQ rules and must be duly adopted by the entity submitting the water conservation plan. Please include evidence that each water conservation plan submitted has been adopted.

- Rules on minimum requirements for Water Conservation Plans can be found in 30 TAC Chapter 288. http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac%24ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=30&pt=1&ch=288
- Forms which include the minimum requirements and other useful information are also available to assist you. Visit the TCEQ webpage for Water Conservation Plans and Reports. https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/wr_technical-resources/conserv.html

Call **512-239-4600** or email to **wcp@tceq.texas.gov** for assistance with the requirements for your water conservation plan(s) and report(s).

6. For each Water Conservation Plan submitted, list dates and descriptions of the conservation measures implemented, and the actual amount of water saved.

7. For each Water Conservation Plan submitted, state whether the five and ten-year targets for water savings and water loss were met in your *previous* water conservation plan.

Yes X No _____

If the targets were not met, please provide an explanation as to why any of the targets were not met, including any progress on that particular target.

For each five-year submittal, does each water conservation plan submitted contain

8. updated five and ten-year targets for water savings and water loss?

Yes No

If yes, please identify where in the water conservation plan the updated targets are located (page, section).

Page 16, Section 3.01

9. In the box below (or in an attachment titled "Summary of Updates or Revisions to Water Conservation Plans), please identify any other revisions/updates made to each water conservation plan that is being updated or revised. Please specify the water conservation plan being updated and the location within the plan of the newly adopted updates or revisions.

On the Water Conservation Plan page 14, section 2.01 the Description of the service Area was updated to include the Markout Water System that was taken over by the City of Mesquite in August of 2022.

2.02 Water Utility Profile updated to include the purchase of treated water from the City of Forney

4.01 Metering Program was updated to include the replacement of all 43,000+ meters with an AMI system and Neptune Mach 10 R900i Ultrasonic meters.

10. Form Completed by (Point of Contact): Joey Arriaga
(If different than name listed above, owner and contact may be different individual(s)/entities)

Contact Person Title/Position: Jonathan Raphael/Utilities Compliance Superintendent

Contact Address: 1101 E Main St Mesquite, Texas 75149

Contact Phone Number: 972-216-8111 Contact Email Address: jraphael@cityofmesquite.com

Signature: Joey Arriaga  Digitally signed by Joey Arriaga

Date: 4-1-2024

Appendix F

Letters to Regional Water Planning Group and NTMWD

[Enter Date]

Region C Water Planning Group
c/o Trinity River Authority
P.O. Box 60
Arlington, TX 76004

Dear Chair:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan for **City of Mesquite**. I am submitting a copy of this plan to the Region C Water Planning Group in accordance with the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules. The plans were adopted on [Enter date of adoption].

Sincerely,

Joey Arriaga – Manager of Utilities
City of Mesquite – Public Works

[Enter Date]

Region D Water Planning Group
c/o Riverbend Water Resources District
228 Texas Avenue Suite A
New Boston, TX 75570

Dear Chair:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan for [City of Mesquite](#). I am submitting a copy of this plan to the Region C Water Planning Group in accordance with the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules. The plans were adopted on [\[Enter date of adoption\]](#).

Sincerely,

[Joey Arriaga – Manager of Utilities](#)
[City of Mesquite – Public Works](#)

Appendix G

Adoption of Plans

CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS

**Municipal Ordinance
Adopting**

2024 Water Conservation AND Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan

SEE Ordinance No. 5103
